



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01480

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Speed and Traffic Related Statistics

Request and Answer:

Your Request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold some information to which your Request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following:

Clarification to Requester

In terms of question 1 could you please advise what you mean by 'speed record data, since the number of detections is provided under question 4?

In terms of questions 2 and 3, could you please specify what you mean by 'speed monitoring'?

In terms of question 4, this question contains two different time periods – in the last year and in the past five years. Can you please clarify which time period you require.

Clarification from Requester

Question 1 - I mean the raw data from the speed monitoring station positioned at the roadside next to Parkmount on the Mallusk Road – I understand that allow a community group helped with getting this installed, this data is held by PSNI and not local community groups/ reps. This is different to Q4 as the speed monitoring station is not manned and would not result in fixed penalty notices from PSNI or camera van detections.

Questions 2 and 3 - Apologies for the wording of Q2 and 3. I mean, besides from the fixed speed monitoring station, how many times have the locations listed had PSNI Traffic officers use hand held cameras and also how many times has a speed detection van been positioned at these locations.

Question 5 - 5 years, please.

Request 1

Speed record data held for the monitoring station at Parkmount for the Mallusk Road in the past 5 years.

Answer

Your Request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold information in relation to Request 1. Enquiries made in relation to your Request failed to locate any records or documents

relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI can advise that the speed monitoring device referred to in Request 1 was installed on Mallusk Road by the Department for Infrastructure and is a Speed Indicator Device (SID). As such, the PSNI would not hold any information that may be captured. For information, these devices are primarily used to highlight vehicle speeds to passing motorists, and are not generally designed to survey and collate vehicle and speed data.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 2

Number of times Mallusk Road had speed monitoring completed in the past 5 years

Answer

Between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2022, the Road Safety Partnership (RSP) safety camera van deployed to the Mallusk Road on 159 occasions.

Please note that the amount of times that officers have completed speed detections on Mallusk Road is not recorded. Speed monitoring carried out by officers is a result of complaints received and actioned to target the identified roads for preventative measures.

Request 3

Number of times Bernice Road had speed monitoring completed in the past 5 years

Answer

We can advise that the RSP safety camera vans do not deploy to the Bernice Road.

Please note that the amount of times that officers have completed speed detections on Bernice Road is not recorded. Speed monitoring carried out by officers is a result of complaints received and actioned to target the identified roads for preventative measures.

Request 4

The total number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for speeding by the constabulary (and/or other agency) in the last year along the Mallusk Road, Bernice Road, Old Coach Road, Antrim Road towards Templepatrick in the past 5 years – if held, please disaggregate by vehicular type (car, van, HGC, truck)

Answer

The response to Request 4 is held within the attached Excel spreadsheet entitled '01480 Speed and Traffic Related Statistics Spreadsheet'.

Please note that Statistics Branch do not hold information on vehicle type, as such this information has not been supplied as per your Request.

Request 5

Please detail the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for speeding by the constabulary (and/or other agency) in the past 5 years for Boyd's and Sons Quarry Lorries across the province. Please detail recorded speeds.

Request 6

Please detail the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for speeding by the constabulary (and/or other agency) in the past 5 years for Boyd's and Sons Quarry Lorries across Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area. Please detail recorded speeds.

Request 7

Please detail the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for speeding by the constabulary (and/or other agency) in the past 5 years for Boyd's and Sons Quarry Lorries on the Mallusk Road. Please detail recorded speeds.

Request 8

Please detail the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for (and detail of) any driving offences recorded by the constabulary (and/or other agency) in the past 5 years for Boyd's and Sons Quarry Lorries across the province

Request 9

Please detail the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for (and detail of) any driving offences recorded by the constabulary (and/or other agency) in the past 5 years for Boyd's and Sons Quarry Lorries across Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area

Request 10

Please detail the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for (and detail of) any driving offences recorded by the constabulary (and/or other) in the past 5 years particularly for Boyd's and Sons Quarry Lorries on the Mallusk Road

Answers 5 to 10

Your Request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold information in relation to Requests 5 to 10. Enquiries made in relation to your Requests failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI can advise that there is no company name or similar field in the Road Safety Partnership or PSNI motoring offences databases. Therefore, this information is unable to be identified.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 11

Please detail the number of RTCs recorded in the ANBC area within the past 5 years

Request 12

Please detail the number of RTCs recorded on the Mallusk Road within the past 10 years (including number of deaths resulting)

Answer 11 and 12

The responses to Requests 11 and 12 are held within the attached Excel spreadsheet entitled '01480 Speed and Traffic Related Statistics Spreadsheet'.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.