



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01548

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Speeding Statistics (2017 - 2022)

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to request numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Request 1

How many drivers have you prosecuted for speeding in each of these years; 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 so far?

Answer

Please see the table below in response to Request 1.

Year	Offence Title	Speeding Statistics
2017	EXCESS SPEED	2812
2017	BREACH OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPEEDING)	32
2017	EXCESS SPEED FOR VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION	32
	TOTAL	2876
2018	EXCESS SPEED	2235
2018	BREACH OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPEEDING)	12
2018	EXCESS SPEED FOR VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION	29
	TOTAL	2276
2019	EXCESS SPEED	3301
2019	BREACH OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPEEDING)	23
2019	EXCESS SPEED FOR VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION	80
	TOTAL	3404
2020	EXCESS SPEED	3872
2020	BREACH OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPEEDING)	106
2020	EXCESS SPEED FOR VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION	111
	TOTAL	4089

2021	EXCESS SPEED	3048
2021	BREACH OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPEEDING)	58
2021	EXCESS SPEED FOR VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION	111
	TOTAL	3217
2022	EXCESS SPEED	2108
2022	BREACH OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPEEDING)	2
2022	EXCESS SPEED FOR VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION	46
	TOTAL	2156

Request 2

How many drivers have appealed against their prosecution for speeding?

Request 3

How many drivers have been successful in appealing against the speeding prosecution?

Request 4

How many of all appeals have been because the driver had evidence that the Notice of Intended Prosecution and/or prosecutor was using an incorrect speed limit in detailing the nature of the alleged offence?

Request 5

How many of these appeals because of the use of incorrect speed limits were successful?

Answer 2 – 5

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 2 – 5. 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 does not have an appeals process with regards to prosecutions for speeding. The questions would be matters for the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) to answer.

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

Request 6

Can I please have a copy of your enforcement policy regarding speeding offences?

Answer

The PSNI does not have a specific enforcement policy regarding speeding offences

Details on our Policing The Road Policy can be found at [Policing The Roads Policy](#)

The PSNI targets Speeding offences as Speeding has been identified as one of the four main causation factors of fatal road traffic collisions.

Safety Camera Vans, Average speed camera systems and Fixed safety cameras are all operated by the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership. Details on this can be found at [NI Road Safety Partnership | nidirect](#).

A person detected speeding may be dealt with a number of ways, depending on the speed detected. This can range from roadside advice and warning, an offer to undertake a Speed Awareness Course, an Endorsable Fixed Penalty Notice incurring a £60 fine and 3 x Penalty points or a report forwarded to the PPS who may take forward a Court prosecution. Details on Speed Offence thresholds can be found on the DFI website.

Whilst the PSNI do not have a dedicated Policy document, PSNI produces and works to a Road Safety Strategy which is closely aligned to the Department for Infrastructure's Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy and the National Police Chiefs Council's Road Safety Strategy. The DFI's Road Safety Strategy for 2020-30 has been delayed due to the present situation at Stormont.

PSNI and the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership operate within the boundaries of the legislation outlined below.

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 [The Road Traffic \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1995 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 [The Road Traffic \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1995 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Road Traffic Offenders (Additional Offences and Prescribed Devices) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 [Road Traffic Offenders \(Additional Offences and Prescribed Devices\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2001 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

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.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of: Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

In most circumstances, the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out however, the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at their discretion.

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