



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-01636

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Careless Driving Offences

Request and Answer:

Request 1

I am interested in data relating to the number of Careless Driving offences under section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

In particular, are you able to provide me with:

The number of offences recorded in your police force relating to Careless Driving (Codes CD10, CD20 and CD30) from June 2019 to June 2021. Please could you provide monthly data starting from June 2019 to June 2021?

Request 2

The number of Careless Driving offences (Codes CD10, CD20 and CD30) recorded in your police force issued due to 'lane hogging' or 'unnecessarily staying in an overtaking lane' from June 2019 to June 2021. Please could you provide monthly data starting from June 2019 to June 2021?

Answers

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 your requests. 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.

In Northern Ireland there is no specific offence for 'lane hogging' and there are also no specific careless driving offences (there is in England and Wales), therefore the Police Service of Northern Ireland do not hold the information requested.

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

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.