



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-01934

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Road Traffic Collisions: Injury and Property Damage

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 information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

I request the number of fatal, serious injury, slight injury and property damage only traffic collisions reported in your constabulary area – broken down by month (e.g. July 2021: fatal = 3, serious = 20, slight = 50, property = 55). I require this information covering the range from July 2019 to July 2021 and in excel/csv format if possible.

Answer

Fatal, Serious and Slight Injury Collisions

Tables 1 to 3 under record Fatal, Serious and slight injury in Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) for time period from January 2019 to March 2021, which is the latest data currently published by PSNI.

Table 1: Police recorded injury road traffic collisions by severity and month, 2019

Month	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
Jan-19	3	50	384	437
Feb-19	3	61	392	456
Mar-19	7	52	416	475
Apr-19	4	43	384	431
May-19	3	57	449	509
Jun-19	2	49	426	477
Jul-19	7	52	358	417
Aug-19	3	48	413	464
Sep-19	7	62	472	541
Oct-19	2	64	445	511
Nov-19	3	50	432	485
Dec-19	9	51	413	473
Total	53	639	4984	5676

Table 2: Police recorded injury road traffic collisions by severity and month, 2020

Month	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
Jan-20	8	74	452	534
Feb-20	3	54	408	465
Mar-20	3	33	280	316
Apr-20	3	19	127	149
May-20	6	22	185	213
Jun-20	4	39	251	294
Jul-20	6	51	277	334
Aug-20	5	38	353	396
Sep-20	4	48	326	378
Oct-20	3	64	321	388
Nov-20	4	37	335	376
Dec-20	2	39	339	380
Total	51	518	3654	4223

Table 3: Police recorded injury road traffic collisions by severity and month, Jan - Mar 2021

Month	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
Jan-21	4	31	222	257
Feb-21	5	46	212	263
Mar-21	2	32	262	296

Reported Damage Only Collisions

In the tables under please find the number of reports of Damage Only RTC made to PSNI for the time period July 2019 to July 2021. A large number of these results will be duplicate reports of the same RTC incident.

Damage Only RTC Reports 2019	
Jul	1858
Aug	2159
September	2209
Oct	2432
Nov	2422
Dec	2581

Damage Only RTC Reports 2020	
Jan	2282
Feb	2349
Mar	1617
Apr	636
May	845
Jun	1207
July	1353

Aug	1641
Sep	1707
Oct	1663
Nov	1773
Dec	1980

Damage Only RTC Reports 2021	
Jan	1278
Feb	1230
Mar	1294
Apr	1550
May	1650
Jun	1769
Jul	1698

Please note

As indicated above the reports for Damage only collisions will include duplicates of the same incident. PSNI can advise that the only way to find the true figures for reported damage only RTCs would be to open and read each incident to see which ones refer to the exact same RTC. Allowing approximately 5 minutes per incident to make that assessment would mean that every batch of 1000 incidents would take approximately 83 hours work. Consequently whilst we have provided the number of reports of Damage Only RTCs, to determine the actual number of incidents as opposed to reports would be grossly over cost.

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 were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office 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. 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 his discretion.

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

