

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-02126

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Traffic Collisions at Kings Square

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

AS NW Co-ordinator at Knock I was recently informed about RTA collisions at King's Square shopping centre where some residents were injured.

The road markings in the car park are very poor.

Could I request stats of all reported traffic incidents at King's Square in the past 5 years?

Clarification sought

Can I confirm if you are enquiring about all road traffic collisions or only injury road traffic collisions?

Clarification Received

I think for the purposes of NW that data on all road traffic collisions at King's Square would be useful plus a breakdown on any injuries from collisions too.

Answer

A search of the Niche database has identified 22 incidents within the vicinity of Kings Square, Belfast, that had a closing code of Road Traffic Collision (damage only, injury and fatal all included) for 22/09/2016 to 21/09/2021. From these, 5 were recorded as 'Injury Road Traffic Collisions' and 17 were damage only. There were no fatalities recorded on any incident. We would not necessarily be made aware however, if any injuries (attributed to a collision) materialised later, after reporting to Police. We would not hold accurate information on final extent of any injuries, reported or otherwise attributed.

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.

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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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