

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-02305

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Speed Camera Queries

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.

The Low Road/Ballystrudder Road Islandmagee.

Request 1

I would like to ask why was there a speed van positioned hiding on a Sunday?

Answer

The mobile safety camera vehicle was clearly visible from a distance well in excess of 100m, which exceeds the minimum guidelines distance for visibility of 50m in a 30mph speed restriction.

Request 2

Is the area where he was a traffic accident hot spot?

Answer

No, Low Road/Ballystrudder Road, Islandmagee would not be considered a traffic accident hotspot, however it is enforced by Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership (NIRSP) as a Community Concern site and not on the basis of the collision history on the stretch of road.

Request 3

Could you please give me the history of road traffic incidents in the last 3 years?

Answer

Please see attached Excel spreadsheet titled 'Collision history'.

Please note that the statistics include those collisions which involve injury which have been reported to the PSNI, as PSNI do not collect data on the damage only collisions.

Request 4

Why is there not warning signs displayed to inform of speed camera at the location?

Answer

There is no statutory requirement for any warning signs to be placed.

Request 5

Is there an 'in date' calibration certificate for the camera?

Answer

Calibration Certificates can be found on <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/ni-road-safety-partnership>

Request 6

Was there a daily calibration test carried out on the 4/10/2020?

Answer

Calibration checks are conducted prior to and after periods of enforcement on a daily basis, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and guidance issued by the National Police Chiefs Council.

Request 7

Is the person who is in charge of the daily operations, a civilian or a policeman?

Answer

The person in charge of NIRSP is Civilian staff.

Request 8

What training has been done to prove the person is competent? E.g. training courses accredited by the DVLA?

Answer

Training was provided by the manufacturer's UK agent, in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and guidance issued by the National Police Chiefs Council.

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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