

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-02925

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: 20mph Speed Limit Enforcement

Request and Answer:

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 (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following:

Your policy on enforcing 20mph speed limit zones –

Clarification to Requester:

You have stated that you seek information in relation to “How many drivers have been issued with speeding tickets, fines, summonses, prosecutions, awareness courses or other form of enforcement action in the past 12 months?”

Can you please advise if this question relates to 20MPH zones?

Clarification from requester:

Yes, this relates just to 20mph zones.

Request 1

Do you enforce them?

Answer

Yes, PSNI do enforce 20mph speed limit zones.

Request 2

What is the threshold for issuing a speeding ticket, summons or prosecution?

Answer

PSNI do not enforce below the National Police Chiefs' Council threshold guidelines of 10% + 2mph.

Request 3

How many drivers have been issued with speeding tickets, fines, summonses, prosecutions, awareness courses or other form of enforcement action in the past 12 months?

Answer

PSNI can advise that between the 1st November 2020 and 31st October 2021:

- 22 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for speeding where speed limit is recorded as 20mph.
- 2 drivers completed a speed awareness course.
- 1 driver was referred for prosecution.

Please note that the information provided is based on data extracted from a live system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

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.