



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01207

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Drink and Drug Driving

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.

Clarification to Requester

Although the data requested is held electronically by PSNI it is held collectively for both 'drink and drug driving'. Due to the PSNI recording system to extract the data specifically for 'drink driving' would require a manual trawl of all these records and this process is estimated to exceed the FOI legislative cost of 18 hours. However to assist in the processing of your request PSNI may be able to provide the data collectively for 'drink and drug driving', can you please advise if you are content to proceed with this clarification.

Clarification from requester

Yes I'd be happy with the joint data on drink and drug driving.

Request

How many people did the Police Service of Northern Ireland catch driving or attempting to drive while over the legal alcohol limit in the period June 2019 - June 2020, broken down by month? The offence in question is, I believe, DR10.

Answer

The table below provides the number of persons referred for prosecution for a drink / drug driving offence by month: 1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020 and based on data extracted up to 28th June 2020.

Please note that all the figures are provisional and subject to change, particularly those for more recent months which are likely to increase as the PSNI systems are updated.

Month	2019	2020
January	-	215
February	-	181
March	-	144
April	-	157
May	-	187
June	225	-
July	216	-
August	272	-
September	245	-
October	237	-
November	244	-
December	319	-

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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