



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-01224

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Operation SNAP

### Request and Answer:

#### Request 1

Is your police force a part of Operation SNAP, or does it have a similar, bespoke system in place through which members of the public can upload video footage from dash cams of traffic offences, which officers can then review and determine whether to directly issue a Fixed Penalty Notice/Driver Awareness Course (or similar)/Court Prosecution or warning?

#### Request 2

If your police force is a part of Operation SNAP, or has a similar system in place as described in Question 1), could you please provide the following:

- a. Number of video footages sent to you
- b. Number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued from evidence submitted via Operation SNAP or a similar system
- c. Number of court prosecutions issued from evidence submitted via Operation SNAP or a similar system
- d. Number of Driver Awareness Courses (or any other driver improvement course) issued from evidence submitted via Operation SNAP or a similar system

Could you please provide answers to Question 2) for the following calendar years:

2017

2018

2019

2020 – up to the latest month available.

#### Request 3

If your force has not been a part of Operation SNAP, or not had its own equivalent system as described in Question 1), since 2017, please provide figures from the year the programme started.

If your database works under a Fiscal Year calendar, please provide figures to the corresponding fiscal years

### Answers

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 not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents

relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is unique amongst other UK Police Forces in that PSNI don't currently have the legislation that creates a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for the offence of 'Careless Driving', which is critical to the development of Operation Snap's capability.

However PSNI have requested that the Department for Infrastructure (DFI) create this offence within Northern Ireland's legislation.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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

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