



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** FOI-2020-01543

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Middle Lane Hogging/ Careless Driving

### Request and Answer:

#### Request 1

How many drivers have you charged (e.g. issued a fine/fixed penalty notice) with careless driving, broken down by calendar year, since 2013?

#### Request 2

How many drivers have you charged (e.g. issued a fine/fixed penalty notice) for middle lane hogging offences specifically, broken down by calendar year, since 2013?

#### Request 3

Please provide location/roads for all fines/penalties issued for careless driving (or the three roads where there have been the most careless driving offences) from 2019 and 2020 thus far broken down by calendar year.

#### Request 4

The total amount in income from any fines/penalties issued to drivers for 'careless driving' broken down by calendar year, since 2018?

#### Request 5

The total amount in income from any fines/penalties issued to drivers for middle-lane hogging offences, broken down by calendar year, since 2018?

### 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 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.

In Northern Ireland there is no specific offence for middle lane hogging and there are also no specific careless driving offences (there is in England and Wales), therefore the Police Service of Northern Ireland do not hold the information requested.

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

Under Section 16 'Duty to Assist' we can advise that PSNI publish motoring offences statistics and we group a number of offences into categories one of which is a careless driving category.

These statistics are available at the following link; <https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/motoring-offences-statistics/>

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.