



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-01619

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Modified Exhausts

**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 from F-2020-01596

**Clarification to requester**

Can you confirm if you mean specifically prosecutions (i.e. referred to PPS) or do you require all detections for this offence, the majority will have been dealt with by means of a fixed penalty notice?

**Clarification from Requester**

It's fine to know how many fixed penalty noticed have been issued & in particular the number in the Omagh policing district (Over the last 12 months)

**Request**

I want to know if cars that have modified exhausts which emit very loud noise are legal on the roads. They are a constant nuisance to all road users especially walkers, who have to cope with normal road noise. If these cars are illegal, then I would like to know how many motorists have been prosecuted by the PSNI for driving these modified cars?

**Answer**

Number of detections for the offence "Defective exhaust and silencer system: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Policing District	Number of Fixed Penalty Notices Issued	Number referred for prosecution
Antrim & Newtownabbey	6	0
Ards & North Down	1	0
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	15	1
Belfast City	4	0
Causeway Coast And Glens	13	2
Derry City And Strabane	8	0
Fermanagh And Omagh	38	0

Lisburn And Castlereagh	2	0
Mid and East Antrim	2	0
Mid Ulster	17	1
Total	106	4

Please note:

Figures are provisional and subject to change

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.