# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01679

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Road Traffic

Subject: Fixed Penalty Notices and Driving Training Education Courses

#### 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.

### Request 1

In each of the last three financial years (2018/2019) (2019/2020) and (2020/2021) please state that as a result of committing a motoring offence in your authority:

# Request 1A

How many fixed penalty notices fines were accepted by motorists?

#### Request 1B

How many drivers accepted places on driving training education courses which were offered as an alternative to a Fixed Penalty Notice fine?

#### **Answers**

Please see the information requested in the Excel spreadsheet.

Please note in conjunction with the information the following caveats:

- (i) 'PSNI Motoring Offences Detections by Disposal' does not include motoring offences which were referred for prosecution.
- (ii) 'Road Safety Partnership Detections' include speeding and red light running offences only.

#### Request 2

During this three year period what was the financial penalty for:

### Request 2A

A Fixed Penalty Notice

# **Clarification Sent To Requester;**

Can you please state what Fixed Penalty Notices you require this information to cover, as each penalty carries a different financial penalty?

# Clarification Received From Requester;

All Fixed Penalty Notices to motorists please.

#### **Answer 2A**

Please see the response provided in the table below:

Penalty	Financial Penalty
Fixed Endorsable	£60
Non-Endorsable	£30
No Insurance	£200
Mobile Phone	£200

## Request 2B

The cost of enrolling on a driver training course.

#### **Answer 2B**

Speed Awareness Courses have varied in price between £84.00 - £92.60

Please note: Courses booked with other providers fees may vary.

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.

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