



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-01978

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Road Traffic

Subject: Illegal Car Modifications

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 does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

I would like to know the number of reported illegal car modifications from June 2021 – July 2022.

Request 2

Can I also get the number of specific modifications if you have the data?

Clarification Requested

I have attached a list of offences which provides the description of the offence and the code for all motoring offences. Could you let me know the specific offences you are interested in, I can then extract the information for these.

Clarification Received

Thank you for your reply. I would like information on the following codes:

Offence Code	Offence
RC86065	Use a motor vehicle on a road which was not fitted with an exhaust system including a silencer
RC86068	Use a motor vehicle on a road with silencer / exhaust system altered to increased the noise made
RL89002	Use a motor vehicle showing a light other than red to the rear
RL89001	Use a vehicle on a road capable of showing a red light to the front
VE94150	Drive vehicle / vehicle and trailer no rear registration plate – registered after 30/09/38
VE94148	Drive vehicle no front registration plate - registered after 30/09/38
RC86980	Use a motor vehicle on a road when there was insufficient transmission of light through the vehicle glass
RC86026	Use a Motor Vehicle Fitted with Mixed Tyres on Front and Rear Axles

If I could have the number of reports made for each offence code between June '21 – July '22.

Answers

Please see attached spreadsheet titled “Illegal Car Modifications” in response to your request. Tab 1 provides “Illegal Car Modifications Detected Between 1st June 2021 and 31st July 2022” and Tab 2 provides offence codes. Please be aware that these figures are subject to change.

Please note: Offence codes in Northern Ireland differ from those requested however these have been mapped to similar offences where possible. For a full list of offences considered please see the 'Offences tab' in the attached spreadsheet.

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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

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 their discretion.

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