

Keeping People Safe



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-02059

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Scrambler Incidents in Larne and Carrickfergus Jan 2019 - July 20

### 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.

#### Request 1

I would be grateful to find out, in the period January 2019 - July 2021, in the East Antrim area, specifically (if possible) Larne and Carrickfergus: How many incidents PSNI attended relating to the illegal use of off road motorbike/scramblers?

#### Request2

How many of same incidents were reported to PSNI?

#### Answer to Request 1 and 2

A search of PSNI systems has resulted in the collation of 103 recorded incidents with 74 of them being attended by police

#### Please note

Some of the reports appear to have been the same incident or issues reported by several people and attended once (the others being duplicates and closed as no attendance). Some of the reports were via email and attended later in course of patrols or dealt with via telephone in the first instance.

In addition there may have been patrols that dealt with incidents that they came across, as well as detections made on the back of ongoing issues and verbal reports made directly to officers.

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 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/](http://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.

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.