



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F - 2022 - 02347

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Road Traffic

Subject: Drivers Using Mobile Devices

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

The number of drivers fined for using a mobile device over the last five calendar years - or less if not known.

Request 2

The road/location of drivers being caught using a mobile device, if known.

Answers

Please see the responses provided in the table below which are provided by the 11 PSNI Policing Districts which is the lowest geographical level available:

Fixed Penalty Notices Issued by the PSNI for Using a Mobile Phone from 2017 to 2021

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Antrim & Newtownabbey	307	252	239	230	162
Ards & North Down	102	105	62	40	29
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	651	690	490	458	363
Belfast City	553	460	402	273	217
Causeway Coast & Glens	276	267	257	239	93
Derry City & Strabane	441	369	333	378	183
Fermanagh & Omagh	221	275	244	274	167
Lisburn & Castlereagh City	398	376	276	237	140
Mid & East Antrim	156	133	151	153	74
Mid Ulster	341	416	309	315	179
Newry, Mourne & Down	502	464	383	284	218
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0
Total	3,949	3,807	3,146	2,881	1,825

Please note that the table above does not include data for persons referred for prosecution.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnipolice.uk

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