



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-02369

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cash Seized by PSNI under POCA and PACE

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 some of the information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Can you provide figures for cash seized by PSNI under POCA and PACE for the last 4 financial years?

Request 2

Could a further breakdown be provided by each policing area and district?

Answer

In response to your request, please see the tables below. This provides cash seized by the PSNI under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA), broken down for each policing district in the last four financial years.

Please note the PSNI do not record information on Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) seizures.

- Year 2020/201 - 82 seizures – Total = £1,107,816.61

Policing District	Total
Belfast	£708,930.31
Lisburn & Castlereagh	£9,415.00
Ards & North Down	£100,827.30
Newry, Mourne & Down	£68,515.00
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	£74,665.00
Mid Ulster	£24,205.00
Fermanagh & Omagh	£46,790.00
Derry & Strabane	£29,250.00
Causeway Coast & Glens	£16,009.00
Mid & East Antrim	£10,000.00

Antrim & Newtownabbey	£19,255.00
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- 2019/2020 - 117 seizures – Total = £1,012,951.46

Policing District	Total
Belfast	£306,295.85
Lisburn & Castlereagh	£40,699.74
Ards & North Down	£34,040.00
Newry, Mourne & Down	27,414.28
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	£120,370.00
Mid Ulster	£60,404.51
Fermanagh & Omagh	£89,445.00
Derry & Strabane	£56,236.15
Causeway Coast & Glens	£32,703.07
Mid & East Antrim	£112,474.40
Antrim & Newtownabbey	£132,868.46

- 2018/2019 - 87 seizures – Total = £903,104.16

Policing District	Total
Belfast	£201,533.54
Lisburn & Castlereagh	£17,306.40
Ards & North Down	£2,091.25
Newry, Mourne & Down	£321,551.90
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	£93,462.79
Mid Ulster	£142,195.00
Fermanagh & Omagh	£56,180.84
Derry & Strabane	9,282.93
Causeway Coast & Glens	£11,475.00
Mid & East Antrim	£38,445.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey	£9,579.51

- 2017/2018 - 133 seizures – Total = £1,782,649.16

Policing District	Total
Belfast	£465,246.78
Lisburn & Castlereagh	£105,220.30
Ards & North Down	£23,193.95
Newry, Mourne & Down	£108,193.62
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	£402,239.69
Mid Ulster	£571,979.42
Fermanagh & Omagh	£21,661.50
Derry & Strabane	£22,270.00
Causeway Coast & Glens	£23,657.40
Mid & East Antrim	£18,270.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey	£20,716.50

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.psnj.police.uk

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