

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2022-02820

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Road Traffic

Subject: Speed cameras which monitor 20mph zones and roads

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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to request number 2.

Request 1

I'm just getting in touch with a Freedom of Information request I am putting to all police forces in the UK about speed cameras which monitor 20mph zones and roads.

How many fines have been issued as a result of the 20mph cameras in your force's area (a) in 2022 so far (b) in 2021 and (c) in 2019?

Answer

Neither the PSNI nor the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership operate 20mph speed cameras within the 20mph speed limit zones in Northern Ireland. Speeding offences within the 20mph zones would only be detected by the PSNI using hand held speed detection devices.

The number of fixed penalty notices issued by the PSNI in 20mph zones in each year is as follows:

- (a) 1st Jan 2022 30th Sept 2022 17 notices
- (b) 1st Jan 2021 31st Dec 2021 27 notices
- (c) 1st Jan 2019 31st Dec 2019 9 notices

Please note that figures for 2022 are provisional and subject to change. Figures provided do not include those which resulted in completion of a speed awareness course or referral for prosecution.

Request 2

If the cost limit has not yet been reached, what is the total figure in fines issued for each of the three years?

Answer

We can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold information in relation to request 2. Enquiries made in relation to these request failed to locate any records or documents based on the information you have provided.

Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership are responsible for issuing tickets for motoring offences, however execution and processing of fines is managed by Northern Ireland Court Service.

Request 3

If the cost limit has not yet been reached, how many motorists have been fined/prosecuted for driving at 24mph for each of the three years?

Answer

There were no fixed penalty notices issued by the PSNI for driving at 24mph in a 20mph zone in Northern Ireland in the three years requested.

Request 4

If the cost limit has not yet been reached, how many new 20mph speed cameras have been installed in your force's area (a) in 2022 so far (b) in 2021 and (c) in 2019?

Request 5

If the cost limit has not yet been reached, how much in fines has the highest grossing 20mph camera raised so far in 2022 and how many fines were issued based on its footage.

Answer 4-5

Neither the Police Service of Northern Ireland nor the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership operate or have installed 20mph speed cameras within the 20mph speed limit zones in Northern Ireland. Speeding offences within the 20mph zones would only be detected by the PSNI using hand held speed detection devices.

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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: Make a complaint | ICO (https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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