



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-00535

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Road Traffic

**Subject:** Speed Cameras - Ballygally area

### 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.

We further consider the information you seek in request number 4 is partially exempt by virtue of Section 22 of FOIA and have detailed our rationale as to why this exemption applies. We have also provided you with links to guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office, which we have followed in responding to your request.

### Request 1

What is the reason, which justifies the mobile speed camera location on the Croft Road, Ballygally (BT40)?

### Answer

The Croft Road, Ballygally is a Community Concern Site and was introduced after several complaints from the local community in relation to speeding.

### Request 2

Why are there no warning signs indicating 'speed (safety) camera' in the Ballygally area?

### Answer

As this is a Community Concern Site, there is no legal requirement for the camera operator to display a sign.

### Request 3

How many accidents (death or injury) have occurred on the Croft Road, Ballygally from 2013 to 2023?

### Answer

There were 4 injury-involved collisions on the Croft Road, Ballygally from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (latest data available). Please note this data is only for injury-involved collisions that have been reported to the PSNI. Data for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 is currently provisional and subject to change.

#### **Request 4**

Can you please provide me with a copy of the code of practice and any guidelines in relation to the deployment of mobile camera systems in Northern Ireland

#### **Answer**

The Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership currently adhere to the following guidelines: Community Concern Sites will be considered when the local community via their District Policing Partnership or Area Police Commander request enforcement due to a well-founded concern that a failure to reduce speeds will result in killed and seriously injured (KSI) collisions, posing a significant risk to road safety.

The code of practice is currently under review and has been exempted as per below.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption/s, as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below:

#### **Section 22 – Information intended for future publication**

The full text of exemptions can be found at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) and further guidance on how they operate can be located on the Information Commissioners Office website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Under Section 22 (1) of the Act the Police Service of Northern Ireland is not obliged to disclose information that is held with a view to its publication at some future date.

The information you requested is intended to be published by the NIRSP, in the Autumn 2023 and will be made available on the NIRSP website.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption so therefore the PSNI is obliged to carry out a Public Interest Test.

#### **Public Interest Test**

##### Factors Favouring Release

Disclosure would demonstrate PSNI's openness and transparency.

##### Factors Favouring Retention

The additional funds incurred in facilitating this FOI request would not be in the public interest as this information is due to be released in the near future.

#### **Decision**

As the information is intended to be published in the near future it is reasonable to exempt the request.

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](mailto: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 \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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.