



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-01241

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Arrests/Detainees/Outcomes

**Subject:** Uninsured Drivers and Out of Date MOTs

### 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 is not obliged to supply the information you have requested in relation to Requests 1- 4. We further consider the information you seek in these request numbers is exempt by virtue of Section 21 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.

We can also confirm that we do not however hold information in relation to request number 5.

### Request 1

How many motorists were caught driving an uninsured vehicle between January 2022 and 2023 to date?

### Request 2

How many motorists were caught driving without a vehicle without a valid MOT between January 2022 and 2023 year to date?

In addition, please provide responses for both questions broken down by:

### Request 3

Age of licence holder when caught.

### Request 4

How many fines have been issued for this offence throughout this period – please break this down by month and year?

### Answers 1- 4

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

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and

(c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

### **Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means**

The most recent data we have available for motoring offences is to the end of 2022. You can find the answers to your questions in the latest motoring offences publication found [here](#).

To further assist in locating the data , please refer to the guidance below:

**Request 1** – Please see table 2 for the number of insurance offences detected in 2022. This includes all those who were issued with a fixed penalty notice or referred for prosecution.

**Request 2**– Please see table 2 for the number of vehicle test certificate offences detected in 2022. This includes all those who were issued with a fixed penalty notice or referred for prosecution.

**Request 3**- Please see table 3 for breakdown by age for insurance and vehicle test certificate offences.

**Request 4** - Please see table 10 for offence group broken down by disposal type including fixed penalty notices issued. Table 2 breaks down the total detections by month and year for each offence group and includes those referred for prosecution.

### **Request 5**

Total value of fines given for these offences throughout this period.

### **Response 5**

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 not hold information in relation to your requests.

Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI receive funds from the Northern Ireland Court Service on a quarterly basis, however, these would be in relation to [all traffic offences](#) processed through the Courts and not limited to the offences outlined in your request.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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 email.

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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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