

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2023-01149

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

Subject: Post Code Area of People Involved in RTCs 2019 - 2022

#### 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

Is it possible to extract the post code area (i.e. the first part of a post code) of people involved in RTCs?

## Clarification to you the Requester

- 1. Please provide a time period for your request
- 2. Please confirm whether your request relates to (a) all individuals injured in RTCs, (b) drivers of vehicles involved in RTCs, or (c) both.

# Clarification from you the Requester

- 1. 2019 to 2022 would be good.
- I want to find out the post codes for all individuals injured in RTCs in Belfast and for all drivers involved in RTCs in Belfast, wherever they live for the most recent year for which you hold records.

#### **Answer**

Please find enclosed with this response a separate spreadsheet which provides the data by postcode in Belfast City District during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are the latest statistics available.

In the spreadsheet the tab named 'casualties' provides the data by postcode. This data is based on the person's home address postcode recorded for each casualty that was involved in an injury involved collision in the Belfast City District between the 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2022.

In the spreadsheet the tab named 'vehicles' provides the data by postcode. This data is based on the person's home address postcode, recorded for each driver that was involved in a collision where there was either a casualty and / or vehicles where there was no casualty in the Belfast City District between the 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2022.

Please note that where a postcode was blank in either table, it was recoded as 'Unknown' and where a postcode was outside of Northern Ireland in either table, it was recoded as 'Non-NI'.

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 <a href="mailto:foi@psni.police.uk">foi@psni.police.uk</a>.

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/).

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.

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