



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2019-02710

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Annual Data Statistics for Drink Driving 2018

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I 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

I would like you to attach a copy of all of the annual data statistics for drink driving in 2018 only.

Clarification sought

Although the data requested is held electronically by PSNI, it is held collectively for both 'drink and drug driving'. Due to the PSNI recording system to extract the data specifically for 'drink driving' would require a manual trawl of all these records and this process is estimated to exceed the FOI legislative cost of 18 hours.

Clarification from Requester

Drink and drug driving statistics for 2018 suits me. If you can provide that I'll take it.

Answer

The figures for 2018 can be found in the following link. It includes the includes figures around drink/drug driving offences e.g. Tables 2, 3, 7 and 9 within the report;-

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/motoring-offences-statistics/2018/motoring-offences-2018-annual-report.pdf>

I have included 3 other links which may be of interest to you.

Latest monthly motoring offences report which includes figures around drink/drug driving offences eg. Table 2 and Table 3 within the report;-

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/motoring-offences-statistics/2019/july/motoring-offences-monthly-update-to-end-july-2019.pdf>

Preliminary Breath tests conducted 2010 – 2018 –

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/motoring-offences-statistics/2018/preliminary-breath-tests-ni-2018.pdf>

Drink drug driving report –

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/motoring-offences-statistics/statistics-on-drink-and-drug-driving-in-northern-ireland---november-2017.pdf>

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.

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