

EIR Request (received 13 December 2021) - Reference: DFI/2021-0439

I would wish to enquire, under the FOI Act 2000, how many PCNs were issued in respect of vehicles being parked on the single yellow line on the west side of Edward Street, Portadown, specifically in the area opposite the former PSNI Station, between 1st January 2020 and 22nd October 2021. This is the area of the street which for many years was closed to the public as a result of security barriers being in place to protect the aforementioned PSNI station.

Response (issued 17 December 2021)

Thank you for your email which was received on 13 December 2021, requesting information, under the Freedom of Information Act, regarding Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued to vehicles parked on single yellow lines on the west side of Edward Street, Portadown, specifically in the area opposite the former PSNI station, between 1 January 2020 and 22 October 2021.

In considering your request on behalf of the Department, I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as opposed to the FOI Act 2000.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/whatare-the-eir/>.

The Department holds information related to the subject matter of your request, but not to the level of detail you are seeking as details of PCNs issued are recorded by road or street name. The handheld devices Traffic Attendants (TAs) use do not have the facility to record by location or address such as of adjacent properties.

In response to your request, I can advise that 130 PCNs were issued to vehicles in contravention of single yellow line restrictions in Edward Street, Portadown, between 1 January 2020 and 22 October 2021.

For some infringements, the TAs will take photos which could be used to more accurately identify location, however, to manually examine all 130 PCNs to determine if photos were taken, and then to determine if they relate to a specific area would require a significant commitment of staff resource, and even then may not necessarily provide accurate results.

The Department is therefore unable to refine the information held to answer your specific question.

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