

EIR Request (received 13 December 2021) - Reference: DFI/2021-0444

Please advise as to how many PCNs were issued in Edward Street, Portadown, between 01 July 2021 and 22 October 2021 specifically along the stretch between nos. 12 and 20 Edward Street, i.e., the west side of the street.

Response (issued 19 January 2022)

Thank you for your email which was received on 13 December 2021, requesting information, under the Freedom of Information Act, regarding the number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued on the west side of Edward Street, Portadown, between 01 July 2021 and 22 October 2021 between nos. 12 and 20 Edward Street.

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 does hold information related to the subject matter of your request, but not to the level of detail you are requesting. This is because PCNs are issued by road or street name. The handheld devices Traffic Attendants (TAs) use do not have the facility to record by specific location or address such as proximity to adjacent properties.

In responding to your request, I can advise that 38 PCNs were issued to vehicles on Edward Street, Portadown, between 1 July 2021 and 22 October 2021.

For some infringements, the TAs will take photographs which, depending on the angle from which they are taken, could be used to identify locations more accurately. I have reviewed these photographs and can confirm that 1 PCN has been identified as appearing to be issued outside a property between 12-20 Edward Street. There are 2 PCNs where the photo location is inconclusive and the remaining 35 are spread over various other locations along Edward Street.

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