

## **EIR Request (received 29 September 2022) - Reference: DFI/2022-0321**

I would like to request the length of the 'observation period' under Transport NI policy used throughout all paid public car parks under Department of Infrastructure operating in NI. There is no legal obligation to have an observation period, but some do operate in this way.

## **Response (issued 12 October 2022)**

I refer to your email received on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information about the Department's policy on the length of the 'observation period' used throughout all paid public car parks.

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 observation (or grace) period for each Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) contravention is available on the NI Direct website by clicking on the 'further details' link in the description

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/penalty-charge-notice-pcn-contravention-codes>.

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