



Response Date:05/02/2025

2025/009 - Arrests under Public Order laws, Police Crimes Sentencing Courts Act 2022

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

It relates to arrests made, and restrictions imposed, by your force under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

Please note there are four parts to my request.

(1)

In the time period 28/06/2022 up to 01/01/2025, on how many occasions has your force used the powers allowed for in Section 75 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: Offences under sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986?

Sections 12 and 14 of the 1986 Act (as amended by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022) allow the police to impose any type of condition on a public procession or public assembly necessary to prevent: significant impact on persons or serious disruption to the activities of an organisation by noise; serious disorder; serious damage to property; serious disruption to the life of the community; or if the purpose of the persons organising the protest is the intimidation of others with a view to compelling them not to do an act they have a right to do, or to do an act they have a right not to do.

To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

(2)

In the time period 28/06/2022 up to 01/01/2025, how many arrests has your force made under Section 78 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: the offence of intentionally or recklessly causing public nuisance

Arrests 22/06/22 to 01/01/25 - nil return for S78 arrests.

(3)

In the time period 28/06/2022 up to 01/01/2025, on how many occasions has your force used the powers allowed for in Section 79 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: imposing conditions on one-person protests?

Please see the answer to Q1.

(4)

In the time period 12/05/2022 up to 01/01/2025, how many arrests has your force made under Section 80 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: wilful obstruction of a highway?

Arrests under S137 Highways Act below (amended by S80 PCSA for sentencing guidelines):
Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes:

Arrest Date	HO Code	Reason Description
2022	820/90	Wilful obstruction of a highway (recordable)
2022	820/90	Wilful obstruction of a highway (recordable)
2023	820/90	Wilful obstruction of a highway (recordable)
2023	820/90	Wilful obstruction of a highway (recordable)

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/01/2025