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2026/356 - RTA Section 5A

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

How many roadside drug tests were undertaken by the force in the last 12 months, or last calendar year? This would be Securetec and Drager devices, specifically for Section 5A potential offences.

Whichever of the 2 time periods is most convenient to collate, i.e. last 12 months or last calendar year.

Of this number, who many of these tests led to no further action as lab analysis did not detect any drug over the specified limit when blood analysis was performed by your forensic provider.

Conversely, what number led to Section 5A arrests?

The number of roadside drugs wipe conducted is not recorded by our force.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To identify the number of tests with no drugs detected from toxicology would require a review of every Section 5A arrest within the period. 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.

However, any roadside drugs wipe that has yielded a positive result will have resulted in a Section 5A arrest, shown in the table below:

Month	Number of arrests
January	108
February	105
March	111
April	104
May	98
June	97

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July	97
August	118
September	87
October	96
November	99
December	121
Total	1241

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 02/04/2026