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## **PUBLICATION OF PENALTY CHARGE NOTICE STATISTICS JANUARY TO MARCH 2017**

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The Penalty Charge Notice Statistics January to March 2017 report is now available. This report presents data on Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued in Northern Ireland during January to March 2017 for vehicles found to be parked in contravention of parking restrictions and vehicles detected driving in contravention of bus lanes. This is the second such report produced by the Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch (ASRB) of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI). The publication is available on the ASRB website at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/penalty-charge-notice-statistics>

### **KEY POINTS**

The key points from the report are:

#### **During January to March 2017**

- **On-street parking:** 20,502 PCNs were issued in Northern Ireland of which just over two-fifths (41%) were issued in Belfast.
- **Off-street parking:** 8,396 PCNs were issued in Northern Ireland. This ranged from a high of 1,184 (14%) in Fermanagh and Omagh Council to a low of 162 (2%) in Antrim and Newtownabbey Council.
- **Bus lanes and bus-only streets:** 4,894 PCNs were issued for moving traffic offences in Greater Belfast. More than a third (36%) of these contraventions occurred on Donegall Square East, just over a fifth (21%) on Great Victoria Street and approximately a sixth (16%) on College Square East.

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **Background**

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs), more commonly known as parking tickets, are issued for vehicles found to be parked in contravention of on-street and off-street parking restrictions and also for vehicles detected driving in bus lanes and bus-only streets (moving traffic offences).

The aim of parking and bus lane enforcement is to reduce the number of vehicles illegally parked on our roads or driving in bus lanes or other bus priority measures. This in turn reduces traffic congestion and helps traffic to flow more freely, assists delivery vehicles, allows buses to keep to their timetable and improves bus journey times, improves road safety and provides accessibility for all road users, including Blue Badge holders.

The enforcement of on-street limited waiting and pay and display spaces, Park and Ride charged car parks and Council operated car parks also encourages a turnover of parking spaces, giving shoppers and visitors more opportunities to find suitable parking.

### **Official Statistics**

This is an Official Statistics publication and therefore follows the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. You can find further information about the Code of Practice at: <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/index.html>

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