

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0904  
Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**Please could you provide figures for:**

- 1) The number of e-scooters confiscated by your force from 1/1/22 until 31/3/22, and for the same period in 2021.**

In response to this question, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, there is no facility available on Police Scotland's systems which allow for productions which have been seized to be searched by type, i.e. scooter/e-scooter/vehicle etc.

The only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to carry out case by case assessment of all potentially relevant crimes, of which there would be thousands. A vehicle could be seized in relation to all manner of crime investigations i.e. Misuse of Drugs Act, Road Traffic Offences, Proceeds of Crime etc. and as such each would have to be examined.

As illustrated by our [published statistics](#), this would involve individually examining a vast number of reports - an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

- 2) The number of accidents logged by your force in these time periods which involved the word 'e scooter'.**
- 3) The number of fatalities logged by your force due to collisions involving e scooters in these time periods**

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Please note that there is no vehicle type on the Police Scotland road traffic collision recording system of *e-scooter* or *electric scooter* etc.

The closest equivalent is *Electronic Motor Cycle*.

The table below provides the number of Road Traffic Collisions which have involved at least one Electronic Motor Cycle, broken down by severity, for the time periods requested.

<b>Collision Severity</b>	<b>1 Jan 2021 - 31 Mar 2021</b>	<b>1 Jan 2022 - 31 Mar 2022</b>
Fatal	0	0
Serious	0	2
Slight	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

*All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 03/4/2022.*

*On the 12th June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division.*

*On the 3rd July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland.*

*CRaSH replaced the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.*

*Road Traffic Collisions which include at least one electric motorcycle have been selected.*

*Please note, each record will need to be read to confirm the circumstances.*

Please note that a reportable collision is defined under Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and describes the legal responsibility on those drivers involved to report the matter to the police. Where those involved exchange personal details, there is no legal requirement to report a collision to the police and this applies particularly to non-injury collisions. As such, there may have been other collisions within the location of your request, which were not reported to Police Scotland, nor which required a collision report to be created, and will therefore not be included within the statistics.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.