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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.

1. How many accidents involving pedestrians and or cars have involved illegal use of electric scooters in public places over the past five years?

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, the Road Traffic Collision recording system used by Police Scotland has no facility which allows for a search to be carried out by vehicle type/category.

As such, case by case assessment of all RTCs, for the time period requested, would have to be carried out to establish whether the vehicle involved was an electronic scooter - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

2. How many arrests have Police Scotland made in relation to the illegal use of electric scooters in public places over the past five years?

3. How many people have faced charges in relation to the use of illegal electric scooters in the past five years?

4. On how many occasions have illegal electric scooters been used in the commission of a crime in the last five years?

Please be advised that there is no specific crime types or markers etc. to indicate that an Electronic Scooter was involved in an offence.

The only possible way to determine whether an Electronic Scooter was involved, would be to individually review all crimes for the time period requested.

This is an exercise that I estimate would far exceed the £600 cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations, and as such Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

5. Is Police Scotland proactive in addressing the illegal use of electric scooters in public places? They seem to be widely used in the north east of Glasgow for example in broad daylight by both adults and children.

You may be interested in some information available on our website via the following links:-

[Road policing operation in Highlands to improve road safety - Police Scotland](#)

[Information to consider when buying an e-scooter - Police Scotland](#)

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 or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarock, 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 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.