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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.

Please could you disclose, preferably by PDF, details of the successful insurance claims made over the last five years (or last three years if five years would exceed the costs limit, or one year if even three years is too much in terms of that limit) in which police vehicles resulted in a claim being made against them from the drivers of the police vehicle speeding. Could have knocked someone over and the insurance company or whomever else established the police vehicle driver was at fault as they were speeding or likely to have been speeding or else police admitted fault and it due to (likely) speeding. The details I'd like to receive are the identification of or the type of vehicle involved, the information of whether the vehicle was a marked or unmarked vehicle, and the date (with day number of month if possible) and location of the incident that was caused by the speeding or the location/section of road of where they were likely speeding.

If costs limits mean details of five/three/one year for Scotland can't be obtained, then please confine to Edinburgh (greater area and city centre) at five years, if costs limit then three, then one.

The following was clarified with you:

For the purposes of clarity, do you require the number/details of successful vehicle insurance claims against Police Scotland where it was determined that speed was a factor in the cause of the accident? Or do you require to know occasions when police officers have submitted a successful claim against Police Scotland where they were involved in an accident where it was determined that speed was a factor?

You advised: **I think it is the first option**

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information relating to successful insurance claims for the North and East of Scotland until 31 March 2021, is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation, following the creation of Police Scotland on 01 April 2013, geographical regions were divided divisionally but also into 3 areas, North, East and West. For a significant time period during the transformation process the collated areas

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continued using their legacy insurance arrangements. Prior to 01 April 2021 all insurances claim records for the North and East are held by the claims management company used at that time.

Regarding claims from the West area and those relating to North and East from 01 April 2021. I can advise that 3 successful claims were identified. Please see the table below for the required data.

Vehicle Registration Number	Date of Accident	Location
SF65KNG	25/08/2017	Main Street, Bellshill
SF67LRL	17/11/2018	Inverkip Street, Greenock
SV18CZL	05/04/2021	A794 Inverurie

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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, 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 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.