

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0455
Date: 11th March 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.

The information provided relates *only* to speeding offences detected by Safety Cameras Scotland and does not reflect those detected by Police Officers at the roadside.

Information regarding detected speeding offences by roadside Officers are recorded on various crime recording systems and, unfortunately, whilst high level figures are available, it is not possible to determine any further details without case by case assessment of each offence.

As illustrated by our [published statistics](#), this would involve individual assessment of thousands of crime reports. Even with a conservative estimate of allowing five minutes to interrogate each record, any such exercise would cost in excess of the £600 cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

I therefore regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested in relation these offences, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

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.

On that basis, the below response refers to speeding offences detected by the Safety Camera Unit. Information has been taken from a live system which is subject to change and correct as of 23/02/2022.

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

1. How many speeding offences did your force detect in the 2021 calendar year (1 January to 31 December, inclusive)?

62,751 Speeding Offences were detected by Safety Camera Scotland from 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021.

'Offences' is defined as 'total number of activations where an offence can be proven to have taken place', which excludes emergency services vehicle exemptions and other non-offences.

2. Please provide a breakdown of how these offences were detected (i.e. via fixed speed camera, mobile speed camera, police officer with radar gun etc).

Mobile Speed Camera	26,149
Fixed Speed Camera	16,095
Average Speed Camera	20,507

3. Please provide a breakdown of how these offences were resolved (i.e. how many were cancelled, how many resulted in awareness courses, fines/penalty points, court action etc).

Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty	37,518
Report to Procurator Fiscal	9,049
Still Identifying Driver	2,240
No Further Action	13,944

Please note that the figure for 'Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty' includes those issued with a COFPN and which still have time to pay but could ultimately be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for non-payment.

4. For the offences that were cancelled, please provide a breakdown of the reasons why cancellations occurred (i.e. emergency service vehicles on blue light runs, court agreements etc).

Admin Error	157
All Lines of Enquiry Exhausted	1,589
Cloned Plates	127
Covid-19	19
Deceased	40
Force not returned enquiry within time	3,844
Force unwilling to carry out enquiry	285
Foreign Hirer/Driver	438
Foreign VRM	881
No/Obscured/Partial VRM	1,320
Other	437
Pedal Cycles	9
Road Marking Issue	393
Stolen Vehicle	53
Time Barred - 14 Day Notification	388
Time Barred - Fiscal Time Limit	3,767
Time Barred - Statutory Time Limit	196
Warning	1

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.

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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, Dalrnarnock, 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.

