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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.

- **How may road accidents at the Black Gaet junction in Shetland have been reported to police in the last 10 years - broken down by year, including each report's date?**
- **Can you say whether any injuries were reported in each incident**

NOTE: the Black Gaet junction I am referring to is the junction where the B9073 meets the A970 at Gulberwick/south of Lerwick.

In response to your request, please see the following tables:

Road Traffic **Collisions**, Junction where B9073 Meets A970, (Broken by Collision Severity). 1st January 2011 - 30th April 2022 (Calendar Year)

Collision Severity	2014	2016	2017	2021
Serious	0	0	0	1
Slight	2	1	2	0
Total	2	1	2	1

	Number of Casualties			
Casualty Severity	2014	2016	2017	2021
Serious	0	0	0	1
Slight	3	3	4	0
Total	3	3	4	1

Please be advised that the number of casualties may vary from the number of collisions, as each collision may have multiple casualties.

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Road Traffic **Incidents**, 75 metre radius around junction where B9073 meets A970, (broken by Final Incident Type). 1st January 2011 - 30th April 2022 (Calendar Year)

Final Incident Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION	0	0	2	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	4	2
ROAD TRAFFIC MATTER	1	0	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	0	1	1
Total	1	0	3	7	5	7	5	4	4	2	5	3

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 03/05/2022.

Note - the data is subject to change and will be updated on the next extract of data from CRaSH on 3rd June 2022.

Specified areas have been selected using GIS Mapping (based on the Grid East and Grid North). Road Traffic Collisions located at the junction where the B9073 meets the A970 near to Gulberwick (South of Lerwick) have been selected.

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 on foi@scotland.police.uk 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.

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