

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2682
 Date: 12 January 2023



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.

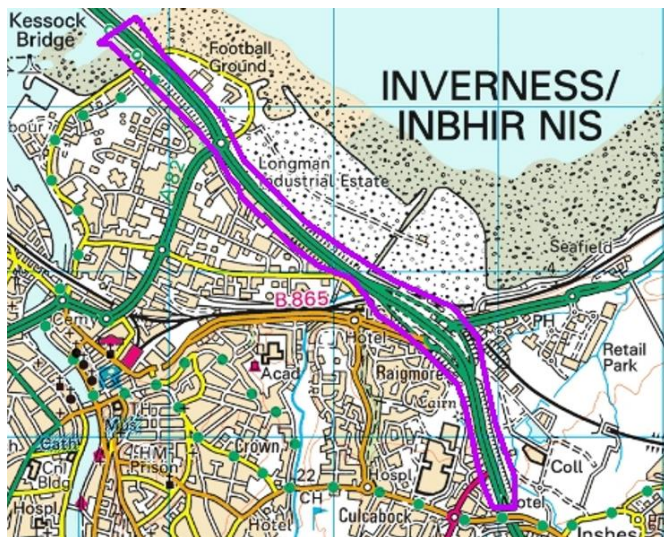
How many Road Traffic Accidents occurred on the A9 North of Inverness in the last 5 years? APU

How many road traffic accidents on the A9 North of Inverness (including fatalities) directly involved citizens travelling to or from hospital appointments or hospital care?

In response to these questions the table below details Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) on the A9 north of Inverness (as shown on the map), broken down by collision severity for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 November 2022.

Our RTC system does not include a field for the nature or purpose of the journey and in terms of section 17 of the Act, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

Collision Severity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatal	0	0	1	0	0	0
Serious	0	0	1	3	1	0
Slight	1	4	3	0	3	1
Total	1	4	5	3	4	1



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How many road closures - either one lane or both - have occurred in the last 5 years on the A9 North of Inverness?

Having considered this question in terms of the Act, 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, it would be necessary to individually examine several thousand road traffic related incidents on the road for that period to determine whether or not they included any reference to a road closure - an exercise I estimate would cost far in excess of £600.

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.pnn.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.

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