

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1954
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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.

For each of the following years (January 2020 – December 2020, January 2021 – December 2021, January 2022 – July 2022):

- 1. How many dash cam (which may also include helmet cam, bike cams etc. videos were submitted to your force showing alleged motoring offences?**
- 2. What were the most common motoring offences in the dashcam footage?**
- 3. After reviewing the footage in each case, please advise how your force dealt with the case. I.e: How many warnings were issued, how many people were prosecuted, how many were sent on a driving awareness course?, how many fixed penalty notices were issued?**

In response to these questions, 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 systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for the automatic retrieval of the level of information requested.

The only way to provide an accurate response to your request, would be to individually examine each and every road traffic offence to establish whether dash cam footage had been submitted.

As illustrated by our [published statistics](#), there are thousands of road traffic offences for the time periods requested which would require case by case assessment and as such, this is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

4. In terms of prosecutions in relation to the above offences, of those that proceeded to Court, how many were successful and how many were unsuccessful?

Police Scotland does not hold prosecution/conviction information. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

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, 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.