Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2544 Date: 16 December 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.

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

I would like to obtain statistical information regarding the nationalities of fatalities on the A9 in the past 20 years. I would also like to know details of the exact location of the incidents which led to these deaths. I have looked at the A9 Safety Group website and have read their documentation, none of which provides the information I want. I wonder if you could help me by telling me how I can access this data.

Clarified: Thank you very much for your prompt reply. In fact your suggestion is a better way forward. As you point out, nationality is not necessarily an indicator of inexperience in driving on the left. If you could provide the data for the Perth to Inverness stretch of the A9, that would be extremely useful.

In response to your request:

Fatal Road Traffic Collisions on the A9 between Perth and Inverness. 1st January 2006 - 30th November 2022

2006	8	2012	5	2018	6
2007	7	2013	4	2019	1
2008	5	2014	3	2020	1
2009	3	2015	4	2021	1
2010	9	2016	4	2022	7
2011	7	2017	4		

I can advise you that 4 of these fatal RTC's had the contributory factor of Inexperience Driving on Left. The exact location of each RTC is provided below using northings/ eastings. There are various mapping tools available online which would allow you to plot these on a map.

Year	Eastings	Northings	Total
2010	262570	778410	1
2011	296640	755250	1
2020	279091	802260	1
2022	304839	739884	1

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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 03/12/2022.

The identified records have then been plotted using an ArcGIS Map (using the Grid East and Grid North recorded on the Road Traffic Collision Report). Road Traffic Collisions between Perth and Inverness on the A9 have then been selected, from where the A9 meets the A85 (Perth), to where the A9 meets the Kessock Bridge (Inverness).

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@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.

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 <u>Disclosure Log</u> in seven days' time.