| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1027  Responded to: 17 June 2025 |
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As requested, we have reviewed the handling of your recent FOI request in terms of section 20(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

As Police Scotland has failed to respond to your request within twenty working days, it therefore follows that in terms of section 21(4)(c), your request has not been handled in accordance with the Act.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I was directed to this email address in order to obtain information on how many vehicles where removed from the roads/destroyed on the basis of loud exhausts, and how many fines where issued so far for loud exhausts.**

**We are having a major issue in our area, especially around Burdiehouse & Frogston Roads & the bypass in Edinburgh.**

## Could I also please ask for data on the noisy hot spots that are being reported by the citizens, especially in Edinburgh South / Liberton.

Clarification received:

## any reports in Edinburgh South, Liberton ward & along the bypass, related to the noise pollution from loud exhausts/cars/motorbikes.

## We need info on how many fines were issued on noisy vehicles & where the hotspots are.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/user-guide-recorded-crime-statistics-scotland-3/documents/) offence classifications and there is no offence specifically for noisy vehicles and relevant offences would be recorded more generally under Construction & Use Regulations (Other Than Lighting) which includes loads of different issues, not just noisy exhausts.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) - Excessive Cost of Compliance. To explain, we would require to read all offences under Construction & Use Regulations (Other Than Lighting) to establish if relevant to your request.

Similarly, incidents could be recorded under several different incident codes and would require to be manually read to establish if relevant to your request.

To be of assistance, the table below details numbers of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for Defective Exhausts – 320.045 for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 May 2025.

Data is provided for E Division (Edinburgh), and we have also supplied data more specifically for the EC Sub Division which covers the area in your request as we do not have specific street names.

| **Edinburgh** |
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| Year | Conditional Offers | Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme |
| 2024 | 0 | 9 |
| 2025 (to 31/05) | 1 | 5 |

| EC Subdivision |
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| Year | Conditional Offers | Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme |
| 2024 | 0 | 4 |
| 2025 (to 31/05) | 0 | 1 |

## Do all Police cars have noise detectors fitted as standard in Police Scotland fleet?

Police vehicles do not have noise detectors fitted as standard.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.