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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.

I am looking for specific data around RTA's / RTC's or any accidents involving vehicles, at or around in close proximity to, the Junction on the A78 that leads into Inverkip

Top line data is enough – Number of incidents, Type of incident, location (within 1 mile of the junction)

I have snipped the precise location and included with this request (below)

If you could please send me accidents over the past 5 years, that would be really helpful

The table below provides the number of Road Traffic Collisions which have occurred at the specified area of Inverkip, Inverclyde, broken down by collision severity, from 1st January 2017 to 31st July 2022.

Specified areas have been selected using GIS Mapping (based on the Grid East and Grid North). Road Traffic Collisions located within a one mile radius of the A79 and Main Street Junction, Inverkip, were then selected

Collision Severity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatal	0	0	0	1	0	0
Serious	1	0	1	0	0	1
Slight	3	2	2	1	0	1
Total	4	2	3	2	0	2

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 03/08/2022.

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

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On the 12th June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division. On the 3rd July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland. CRaSH replaced the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.

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.

The table below provides the number of Road Traffic incidents recorded on Police Scotland's incident recording system, STORM, at the specified area of Inverkip, Inverclyde, from 1st January 2017 to 31st July 2022.

Final Incident Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Road Traffic Collision	30	46	33	33	8	12
Road Traffic Matter	113	113	120	68	100	60
Total	143	159	153	101	108	72

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 26/08/2022. The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and by selecting the final incident type 'TR-41'(Road Traffic Collision), 'TR-43' (Road Traffic Matter').

Also, what would be very helpful, would be any information where you have reduced the amount of accidents at similar junctions across Scotland, when traffic calming / control measures have been put in place

This part of your request has been interpreted to be for road engineering measures, something which road authorities have responsibility for whether that be Transport Scotland for the national trunk road network, or individual local authorities for non-trunk roads.

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.

In this instance, Transport Scotland have responsibility for the A78 section of the T-junction, with Inverclyde Council having responsibility for the Main Street arm.

Traffic calming/ control measures could range anywhere from additional/ enhanced road signage, vehicle activated signage, improved road markings, road layout changes to the installation of road humps, speed cushions, pedestrian refuges etc. Regardless, all of these road engineering measures fall under the control and responsibility of the relevant roads authority and as such, you may wish to direct this question to Transport Scotland or Inverclyde Council.

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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, Dalmarock, 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.