

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0457
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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.

The number of offences recorded by your force involving e-scooters or electric scooters in each of the past three calendar years: 2019, 2020 and 2021.
If this information is not recorded, please provide figures on the number of crimes in which the initial incident detail mentions the word 'e-scooter' or the words 'electric scooter'.

Please provide a breakdown for each of these offences of:

The offence description
The ONS offence subgroup
The outcome recorded (if any)

Having considered your request 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, crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department [offence classification codes](#) however there is no specific classification which relates to e-scooter offending and instead, more general road traffic offence classifications would be used.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine all relevant crime reports to establish the type of vehicle involved - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations, as illustrated by our [published statistics](#).

Similarly, we are unable to search crime reports based on the presence of particular words/phrases.

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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.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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