| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1409  Responded to: 23rd June 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. How may traffic offences have been reported and/or have been caught by Police Scotland on the main A99 road (in the Keiss 30mph Zone) between January 2018 and Janaury 2023.**

In response to your request, 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 legacy crime system in place covering this area does not record co-ordinate data that would allow for traffic offences to be mapped to the location you require. Whilst we are able to retrieve statistics at police beat level, which in this case is beat NJ002, this covers a wide area and includes for example from Wick in the South to John o’ Groats in the North. The only way to retrieve the specific information you have requested would be to manually review each traffic offence to confirm it’s location.

In this case 1,338 offences would need to be manually checked. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record, this equates to over 111 hours of work to provide the information requested.

Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and so this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

You may wish to consider reducing the timescale that your request covers which may allow some information to be provided or to requesting information of specific offences that are of interest.

To be of some assistance, I have provided statistics for police beat NJ002 at the end of this response. I would ask you to note the caveats provided below the table.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.

## Recorded Group 7 Offences, Selected Beat within Highland and Islands Division

## Period: 1st January 2018 - 31st January 2023 (Calendar Years)

| **Offence** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023\*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dangerous driving offences | 9 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 1 |
| Careless driving | 20 | 31 | 19 | 28 | 25 | 0 |
| Driving motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| In charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Driving motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit | 17 | 16 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| In charge of motor vehicle with blood alcohol content above prescribed limit | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Failure to provide breath specimen at the roadside | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Failure to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at police station | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Driving motor vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit | 0 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| In charge of a vehicle while under influence of controlled drug above prescribed limit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Vehicle Excise Licence Offences | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Speeding in Restricted Areas | 19 | 29 | 41 | 16 | 2 | 0 |
| Other Speeding Offences | 29 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 0 |
| Drivers neglect of Traffic directions not Pedestrian Crossing | 14 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Drivers contravention of Pedestrian Crossing Regulations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Accident offences | 13 | 24 | 9 | 17 | 15 | 2 |
| Failing to Provide Info to Identify Driver of Motor Vehicle | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Using Motor Vehicle Without Test Certificate | 55 | 42 | 42 | 37 | 31 | 3 |
| Driving While Disqualified From Holding or Obtaining Licence | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Driving Without a Licence, including under age | 12 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 8 | 1 |
| Driving licence, other offences | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Failure to Insure Against Third Party Risks | 48 | 29 | 47 | 38 | 35 | 1 |
| Registration or Identification Mark Offences Not Lighting | 3 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lighting offences, motor vehicle | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Construction & Use Regulations Other Than Lighting | 35 | 25 | 25 | 10 | 7 | 0 |
| Motor vehicle records of work offences e.g. tachograph | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Seat Belt Offences | 23 | 28 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 0 |
| Mobile Phone Offences | 12 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicles, Other Offences | 7 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Total** | **337** | **297** | **287** | **233** | **171** | **13** |

## Caveats:

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 15th June 2023.

1. The Recorded Crimes are extracted using the Date Raised, and then selecting beat "NJ002" within Highland and Islands Division.
2. The Recorded Crimes are extracted using Group 7 Stats Class Codes.
3. Please note, each record will need to be read to confirm the exact location of the offence.