| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2458  Responded to: 08 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. The number of recorded crimes or incidents involving e-bikes (electric bicycles) in the north and north-east of Scotland, broken down by year, for the period 2019 to the most recent data.**

**2. If possible, please break the data down by type of crime (e.g. theft, road traffic offences, anti-social behaviour) and by local policing divisions, such as Highland & Islands, North East, Moray, Aberdeen City, etc.**

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) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, there are no incident or crime classifications specific to e-bikes, nor are there any markers etc to indicate their involvement.  The only way to research your request would therefore be to manually review thousands of potentially relevant incidents and crimes - from road traffic matters to anti-social behaviour etc and each would need to be checked for relevance.

This is an exercise that would obviously far exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

**3. Any relevant notes or context relating to how e-bike-related crimes are recorded or classified.**

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.

To be of assistance, crime data can be accessed online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/).

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.