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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.

Please could you tell me the number of times drivers have been caught speeding on the Aberdeen bypass for each year since 2019.

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I must inform you that although those systems which capture road traffic collision data can be limited to a specific stretch of road, *crime data* in the North East area (which would include speeding offences) cannot.

To clarify, this is because grid co-ordinates are not routinely recorded for these incidents.

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.

To illustrate, even looking at only one of the North East datasets which would have to be considered (Q1 April – June, 2020/21), 488 reports would have to be read to establish the locus of the offence and the associated detail checked across a number of recording systems. At a conservative estimate (allowing only ten minutes for each report) this would equate to a minimum of 81 hours to complete only part of the work described, far exceeding the cost limitations of the Act.

To be of some assistance however, I have provided statistics for all speeding offences for each police beat area along the stretch of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR), although I must advise you that these figures include all speeding offences which occurred on other smaller side roads in each area and are not therefore specific to the AWPR.

Police Beats	Recorded Offences within Period
AN1A	34
AN1B	336
AN1C	37
AN2C	39
AS4B	78
S3A	259

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S4E	126
S5A	293
S5D	77
Total	1279

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 20th December 2021.

The data is extracted by extracting Recorded Crimes using the Date Raised, and then selecting the Stats Class Codes '730300' (Speeding in restricted areas) and '730400' (Other Speeding Offences).

Please could you also tell me the number of crashes that have occurred on the Aberdeen bypass since 2019?

The table below provides the number of Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) which have occurred on the AWPR, broken down by collision severity from 1st January 2019 – 30th November 2021.

Collision Severity	2019	2020	2021
Fatal	0	0	0
Serious	5	0	0
Slight	1	0	1
Total	6	0	1

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 03/12/2021. Data excludes non-injury collisions as per standard operating procedure.

The data is subject to change and will be updated on the next extract of data from CRaSH on 3rd January 2022 and specified areas have been selected using GIS Mapping.

Please be advised that the part of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route leading to the A90 has not been included.

It should be noted 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

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

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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.

