

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0703  
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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.

Please, first of all, accept my sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**Between 01/03/2002 and 01/03/2022, how many traffic incidents were recorded by Police Scotland (and formerly Tayside Police) as taking place on North Balmossie Street in Barnhill in the City of Dundee?**

**By traffic incidents I mean collisions (with people, property, other cars, or animals) and recorded speeding infractions, however I am more than willing to defer to Police Scotland if it has a more readily-too-hand definition of traffic incident which makes this request simpler to execute.**

In response to your request, I can first of all advise you that there have been no road traffic collisions recorded at this location. The search was carried out using GIS Mapping (based on the Grid East and Grid North) for dates 1 January 2006 to 28 February 2022 (inclusive).

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 search parameters.

The following table supplies road traffic incidents which were recorded for the location between 1 January 2007 and 31 March 2022:

FINAL INCIDENT TYPE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Road Traffic Collision	4	3	2	0	0	1
Road Traffic Matter	1	0	2	1	1	0
Total	5	3	4	1	1	1

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The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and by using final incident codes TR-41 (Road Traffic Collision) and TR-43 (Road Traffic Matter).

Please be advised with regard to earlier data requested, different recording systems were used for recording road traffic collisions and road traffic incidents. These systems are not easily searchable and would require case by case assessment to establish the exact location. 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.

Speeding:

In response to these questions 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, whilst Police Officers will record information relating to instances where they have stopped a vehicle at the roadside in their notebooks (either paper or electronic), the retrieval of this information would require a manual trawl of all notebook entries to identify those relating to speeding.

However to be of assistance I can advise you of the following speeding offences recorded in beats E47 and C48 as the street in question is located in the middle of these two beats. Please be advised to establish the exact location would require each report to be manually read and as such as explained previously would be exempt under cost.

	Speeding offences
2015	78
2016	87
2017	72
2018	83
2019	147
2020	169
2021	210
2022	31
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>877</b>

The Recorded Crimes are extracted using the Date Raised, and then selecting the Stats Class Codes '730300' and '730400'. The data has been extracted between 1st January 2009 and 28th February 2022.

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on [foidundee@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foidundee@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:foi@scotland.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](mailto: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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