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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.

I request to know how many RTCs there have been in Scotland where the causation is attributed to, or suspected to be due to the driver/rider of a motor vehicle or rider of a bicycle having a medical episode or passed out etc. I would like the figures for the past 5 years please broken down into months please.

In response to your request, I have provided the table below which details recorded Road Traffic Collisions involving 'illness / disability' or 'fatigue' as a contributory factor. The data is further broken down by year, month and collision severity:

Table 1: 1st January 2017 - 31st December 2021 (Calendar Year)
Road Traffic Collisions Involving "Illness/Disability" or "Fatigue" As a Contributory Factor, Police Scotland (broken by Collision Severity) ^{1,2,3,4}

Calendar Year	Month	Collision Severity		
		Fatal	Serious	Slight
2017	Jan	0	4	13
	Feb	1	1	15
	Mar	0	11	18
	Apr	4	5	21
	May	0	10	18
	Jun	2	6	11
	Jul	1	4	11
	Aug	1	6	16
	Sep	1	6	15
	Oct	1	3	19
	Nov	0	3	11
	Dec	1	5	17
2018	Jan	0	6	8
	Feb	0	1	11
	Mar	3	3	9
	Apr	1	5	10
	May	1	8	13

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	Jun	0	9	11
	Jul	6	6	15
	Aug	1	5	11
	Sep	3	7	13
	Oct	0	2	20
	Nov	1	3	12
	Dec	3	5	11
2019	Jan	1	1	8
	Feb	2	4	12
	Mar	1	3	14
	Apr	4	3	15
	May	3	6	15
	Jun	0	3	19
	Jul	2	6	8
	Aug	0	12	7
	Sep	0	7	3
	Oct	0	10	7
	Nov	0	5	3
	Dec	4	4	3
2020	Jan	0	4	7
	Feb	1	5	2
	Mar	3	3	3
	Apr	0	2	1
	May	0	2	6
	Jun	0	3	3
	Jul	3	2	5
	Aug	3	2	8
	Sep	0	2	5
	Oct	2	4	8
	Nov	1	2	4
	Dec	1	2	1
2021	Jan	1	3	3
	Feb	0	1	3
	Mar	0	4	3
	Apr	0	3	5
	May	1	1	2
	Jun	0	4	6
	Jul	0	4	5
	Aug	1	4	4
	Sep	1	3	7
	Oct	0	5	3
	Nov	0	4	1
	Dec	0	2	2
Total		66	259	540

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 03/01/2022.

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1. Data excludes non-injury collisions as per standard operating procedure.

On the 12th June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division. On the 3rd July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland. CRaSH replaced the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.

Note - the data is subject to change and will be updated on the next extract of data from CRaSH on 3rd February 2022.

2. Please note, this is a count of Road Traffic Collisions, whereby the Contributory Factors "Illness/Disability" and/or "Fatigue" have been recorded.

3. Please note, the Contributory Factors "Illness/Disability" and/or "Fatigue" selected relate to the driver/rider, and not pedestrians.

4. Please note, multiple Contributory Factors can be recorded on a Road Traffic Collision Report; as such, other Contributory Factors could be recorded on the same report as those with the Contributory Factors "Illness/Disability" and/or "Fatigue". This is a unique count of Road Traffic Collisions.

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 statistics.

If you require further assistance or 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, Dalarnock, 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.