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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 give the number of bike/bicycle thefts reported to Police Scotland for the past four years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22), broken down by year and by division.**

In response to this question, please see the following table:

### Recorded Theft of Pedal Cycle Crimes, Police Scotland

| Division                       | 2018/19     | 2019/20     | 2020/21     | 2021/22     |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| North East                     | 403         | 345         | 468         | 538         |
| Tayside                        | 228         | 276         | 292         | 293         |
| Highland and Islands           | 152         | 140         | 112         | 143         |
| Forth Valley                   | 193         | 202         | 219         | 179         |
| Edinburgh                      | 1709        | 1594        | 1746        | 1226        |
| Lothian and Borders            | 274         | 211         | 254         | 173         |
| Fife                           | 175         | 187         | 151         | 154         |
| Greater Glasgow                | 1344        | 1128        | 1556        | 1271        |
| Ayrshire                       | 156         | 117         | 135         | 128         |
| Lanarkshire                    | 178         | 189         | 266         | 150         |
| Argyll and West Dunbartonshire | 78          | 63          | 80          | 56          |
| Renfrewshire and Inverclyde    | 111         | 89          | 132         | 85          |
| Dumfries and Galloway          | 78          | 56          | 57          | 50          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>5079</b> | <b>4597</b> | <b>5468</b> | <b>4446</b> |

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 4th May 2022.

**If possible, please provide the five highest-value thefts of bikes/bicycles during this period, including the area where the theft occurred.**

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Having considered this question 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, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to examine each and every one of the recorded thefts shown in the above table provided to establish the value of each cycle taken. Unfortunately there are no relevant markers which allow the automatic retrieval of this level of information. As such this an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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, Dalrnarnock, 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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