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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 am attempting to find which police forces have had the most “road rage” related driving offences in the UK.

My questions are as follows:

For the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021 – could you please respond with:

- 1. The number of reported crimes which mentioned “road rage” in the MO field of the crime report and the detailed crime type.**

In response to this question, 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, Police Scotland operates a number of crime recording systems. Whilst robust statistical analysis can be made of the data held on each of our systems, they are not, at present, designed to enable the retrieval of the highly specific information as per your request.

In this instance, it is not possible to carry out a force wide MO search of all crime reports, nor is it possible to search for specific terms or keywords on our systems.

As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine each and every crime report for the time period requested.

This would involve case by case assessment of tens of thousands of crime reports – an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

2. The number of road traffic accidents recorded with a contributing factor of “aggressive driving” (code 601)

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

Road Traffic Collisions Which Include Aggressive Driving as a Contributory Factor, Police Scotland (Broken by Collision Severity)

Period: 1st January 2019 - 31st December 2021 (Calendar Years)

Collision Severity	2019	2020	2021
Fatal	7	4	7
Serious	37	20	28
Slight	65	32	33
Total	109	56	68

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 03/03/2022.

Road Traffic Collisions which include the contributory factor 'Aggressive Driving' have been selected. Please note, other contributory factors may also be attributed to the identified Road Traffic Collisions.

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

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.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on 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 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.

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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.

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