

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1085  
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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.

- 1. How many cyclists were fined for cycling on pavements in the last three years and how much they were fined. Can I have this information separated by local authority area please.**
- 2. Were any alternative punishments handed out instead of a fine, and what were they?**

Police Scotland does not hold the information requested. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

To explain, Police Scotland records crimes in line with the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes.

The behaviours set out in your request do not align to specific offences - albeit such behaviours may result in an individual being charged with *careless or dangerous* cycling depending on the circumstances.

To be of assistance we also considered whether we could answer your request in terms of Fixed Penalty Notices issued, but again, there are no specific classifications that pertain to your request. The potentially relevant classifications include **all** vehicle types and it would not be possible therefore to provide information specifically for cycles within the cost limit.

We could supply data on recorded/ detected crimes of *dangerous and careless cycling* but these figures would include other behaviours beyond cycling on pavements.

Should this be of interest to you, please submit a new request.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at [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

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[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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