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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'd like to know how many police vehicles have been involved in crashes across Scotland over the past five years, between January 2018 to August this year

I'd also like to know where these crashes took place, the dates they happened, what the cost was for repairs, and how many people were injured in each

In response to your request, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with all 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, a number of records held do not provide an exact location. In order to extract the precise location data each of these records would need to be a manually examined. For each year there are approximately 500-600 records that would require manual examination. With a conservative estimate of 3 minutes per record in order to accurately assess data would equate to over 125 hours of work, this would greatly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and so this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

Whilst I would normally suggest a refined timescale is considered, in this case it is likely that had the request been possible within cost, the disclosure of precise location data when linked with the other data provided and in particular the date of accident may have provided opportunity for individuals to be identified. As such this information would likely have been exempt under Section 38(1)(b) – Personal information of a third party.

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In response to further information required, please see the attached spreadsheet, 22-2012 Attachment 01.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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. 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.