| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2405  Responded to: 08 August 2025 |
| --- | --- |

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Question 1: Please provide the number of crime or incident reports recorded by your force in which mopeds with L plates are specifically mentioned, for each of the past five calendar years, please provide the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**

**Question 2: Where available, please provide a breakdown by:**

**i.) Offence type of crime or incident reports recorded by your force in which mopeds with L plates are specifically mentioned for:**

* **Theft - please provide both the proportion and number of the offences for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**
* **Assault - please provide both the proportion and number of the offences for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**
* **Dangerous driving - please provide both the proportion and number of the offences for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**
* **Driving without a licence - please provide both the proportion and number of the offences for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**

**ii.) Whether the moped involved in the offences relating to *Question 2, i.)* was recorded as a suspect vehicle, a stolen vehicle, or otherwise involved:**

* **Suspect vehicle - please provide both the proportion and number of records for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**
* **Stolen vehicle - please provide both the proportion and number of records for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**
* **Otherwise involved - please provide both the proportion and number of records for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, we have no way of carrying out an automated search of Incident or Crime Reports for the involvement of “mopeds with L plates”. Therefore, a manual search of all incident and crime reports would need to be carried out to identify those which mentioned “mopeds with L plates”, and manually compile the requested data.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.   
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.