

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0549
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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 would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The number of e-scooters confiscated in 2021.

I understand that you were not able to give a response to our previous request (22-0086) and hope that this reduced request falls within the cost limit for Fol requests, and that the data is available.

Whilst we appreciate that you have refined your request, I must advise you again that it would cost well in excess of the limit threshold of £600 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, there is no facility available on Police Scotland's systems which allow for productions which have been seized to be searched by type, i.e. scooter/e-scooter/vehicle etc.

The only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to carry out case by case assessment of all potentially relevant crimes, of which there would be thousands. A vehicle could be seized in relation to all manner of crime investigations i.e. Misuse of Drugs Act, Road Traffic Offences, Proceeds of Crime etc. and as such each would have to be examined. To illustrate, even if we restrict the search to just road traffic offences, there were 2, 112 recorded offences of Dangerous Driving at the end of quarter 2 for the year 2021/22. As such this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You can access our published crime statistics via the following link: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

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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.

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