| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-2721Responded to: 15 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:**

1. **Number of fixed penalty notices issued for excessively noisy vehicles including excessively loud exhausts issued in the year up to 25/08/2025, broken down by region. If this is not possible the six months up to 25/08/2025.**

*Table 1: Conditional Offer Fixed Penalty Notices issued from 01/01/2025 – 25/08/2025*

|  | Divisions |
| --- | --- |
| **Offence Code** | **A** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **G** | **J** | **K** | **L** | **P** | **Q** | **U** | **V** |
| Dirty exhaust | 15 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| No Silencer | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 6 |
| Defective exhaust | 28 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Not stopping the engine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sounding horn when stationary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Unnecessary/Excessive Noise | 24 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

1. **The number of recorded incidents involving excessively noisy vehicles in Edinburgh in the year up to 25/08/2025. If this is not possible the six months up to 25/08/2025.**

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**.**

By way of explanation, there is no specific opening code for noisy vehicles. These incidents would be recorded under numerous opening codes, such as Public Nuisance, Vehicle Crime, Noise, Assist the Public, Police generated activity etc. All of which would have to be reviewed for relevance**.** As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

1. **The number of Vehicle Defect Rectification Notices issued for excessively noisy vehicles in the year up to 25/08/2025, broken down by region. If this is not possible the six months up to 25/08/2025.**

It should be noted that, due to the recording of these tickets, we can only provide a break down as per the old legacy areas. Therefore Divisions, G,K,L,Q and U are provided together, as are E and J.

*Table 2: Vehicle Defect Rectification tickets issued from 01/01/2025 – 25/08/2025*

|  | **Divisions** |
| --- | --- |
| **Offence Code** | **A** | **C** | **D** | **E&J** | **G, K, L, Q & U** | **N** | **P** | **V** |
| Defective exhaust | 18 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 27 | 2 | 14 | 12 |
| Dirty exhaust | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| No Silencer | 18 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| Unnecessary/Excessive Noise | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

1. **Copies of any Police Scotland strategy or policy regarding the use of “noise cameras”.**

Noise cameras do not operate in Scotland, therefore, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

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 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 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.