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

## Details of all “Day of Action” operations undertaken by Police Scotland in Glasgow targeting illegal e-bike and e-scooter use since 1st January 2023, including:

## The dates and specific locations or areas where these took place

Please note the data provided in this response has come from a variety of local sources and notes and should be considered management information only as opposed to formal statistics.

The only official ‘day of action’ during the period covered by your request was 16 April 2025, across G Division as a whole.

## The number of e-bikes and e-scooters seized during each operation

GA - 6 x e-bikes seized  
GF - 1 x e-scooter seized  
GJ - 2 x e-bikes seized; 2 x e-scooters seized  
GU - 4 x e-bikes seized  
GK - 1 x e-bikes seized  
GD/ GE - 2 x e-bikes seized

## The number of offences reported to the Procurator Fiscal

GA - 3  
GF - 2  
GJ - 4  
GU - 4  
GK - 1  
GD/ GE - 2

## A breakdown of the types of offences recorded

GA - No licence; No insurance; Red traffic light violation; Mobile phone offence; Section 3 RTA  
GF - S143 (no insurance); S87 (no licence); Driving an unregistered vehicle; S2 (dangerous driving); S47 (no helmet); S16 (no L-plates)  
GJ - Multiple counts of S87 and S143 (RTA 1988); S3 (careless driving); S34 (insufficient brakes)  
GU - Various Road Traffic offences (no licence; no insurance; no helmet; etc.)  
GK - No insurance   
GD/GE - S143 (no insurance); S87 (no licence); Driving an unregistered vehicle; S47 (no helmet); S16 (no L-plates).

## In addition to Days of Action, I would also like the same information for all other enforcement activity related to illegal or dangerous use of e-bikes and e-scooters in Glasgow from 1st January 2023 to the present:

## Total number of seizures Total number of offences reported to the Procurator Fiscal Offence types Areas where enforcement actions occurred

## Copies of any relevant police documents, reports, or crime summaries that reference e-bike or e-scooter-related activity or enforcement in Glasgow during this time period.

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) - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, there are no incident or crime classifications specific to e-bikes or scooters and therefore the only way to research this request would be to identify and review hundreds of potentially relevant incidents and crimes.

When dealing with offences relating to powered transporters and off-road vehicles, consideration is given to their intended use as defined by section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, i.e. whether it is a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads or is it a mechanically propelled vehicle (MPV).

When an officer intends to use any legislation relating to a motor vehicle they must ensure they provide sufficient evidence to meet the definition at section 185.

Where the vehicle is mechanically propelled, and sufficient evidence cannot be provided to meet the definition of a motor vehicle (and it cannot therefore be seized), officers should consider alternative legislation - for example, section 4 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 or section 127 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004.

Police Scotland is committed to dealing with the illegal use of e-bikes and e-scooters and have been carrying out various initiatives in different parts of the country to respond to complaints of increasing volumes on public footpaths and roads, causing anti-social behaviour and committing road traffic offences.

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.