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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.

- 1) Please provide the number of driving offences where the driver was eligible for a Driver Offender Retraining Scheme session, broken down by the offered course (Speed Awareness, Safe and Considerate Driving, etcetera).**
- 5) Please provide the number of offences committed by drivers who would have been offered a Driver Offender Retraining Scheme course, but had completed the relevant course in-person within the last three years and were therefore not offered another course following their new offence (that is, the total number of “reoffences”).**
- 6) Please provide the number of offences committed by drivers who would have been offered a Driver Offender Retraining Scheme course, but had completed the relevant course virtually within the last three years and were therefore not offered another course following their new offence (that is, the total number of “reoffences”).**

Having considered these questions in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with 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.

The Driver Improvement Scheme can be used by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) as an alternative to prosecution for careless driving. The courses available for The Driver Improvement Scheme are National Driver Alertness Course and Rider Intervention Developing Experience. In order to provide you with the data requested, a case by case assessment of each relevant offence would have to be carried out as there are no relevant markers which would allow the automatic retrieval of this level of information.

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To illustrate, the most recent published figures show that for the 2020/21 financial year, there were 8,222 recorded crimes of driving carelessly. As such this 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 web link: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

- 2) Please provide the individual cost of attendance for each Driver Offender Retraining Scheme session to attendees, broken down by the offered course.**
- 3) Please provide the number of bookings and the number of attendances of in-person Driver Offender Retraining Scheme sessions, per calendar month, from January 2010 to present. These should also be broken down by the type of course offered.**
- 4) Please provide the number of bookings and the number of attendances of virtual Driver Offender Retraining Scheme sessions, per calendar month, from January 2010 to present. These should also be broken down by the type of course offered.**

In response to these questions, I can advise you that this course is not run by Police Scotland. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

To be of assistance, you may wish to contact the TTC Group: www.thettcgroup.com

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foi@scotland.police.uk 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.

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