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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.

Please could you send me the newest available data in your area on:

- **The number of reported accidents involving e-scooters**
- **The number of reported casualties in accidents involving e-scooters**
- **Any specific locations (streets / postcodes) where the most e-scooter related accidents or offences have been reported**

In response to these questions, I can advise you that there is no classification for e-scooters when recording road traffic collisions or incidents. Therefore 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 further clarify, if all data was to be considered in order to establish the type of vehicle involved in each recorded incident, this would require a case by case assessment of all road traffic collisions which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You may be interested in the official statistical data published by the Scottish Government:

[Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2020 \(transport.gov.scot\)](https://transport.gov.scot)

[Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2019 \(transport.gov.scot\)](https://transport.gov.scot)

You may also be interested to know that in Scotland, the [Electric Scooter Trail and Traffic Signs \(Coronavirus\) Regulations and General Directions 2020](#) came into force on 4 July 2020, legislating for the use of rental e-scooters on the road as part of a 12 month trial.

The Department for Transport has a useful guidance [document](#) which may be of interest.

- **The number and total value of fines given out for e-scooter related offences**
- **The number of instances driving licence penalty points have been given out for e-scooter related offences (if known)**
- **The number of instances of a driving licence being revoked for e-scooter related offences (if known)**

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Police Scotland does not hold information with regard fines or outcomes of court action.

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.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland.

A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk and for fines: Scottish Court Service: foi@scotcourts.gov.uk

- **The number of instances that an e-scooter has been confiscated for an illegal offence**

Having considered these questions in terms of the above 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.

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 3,544 recorded offences of Dangerous Driving for the year 2020/21.

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.

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.

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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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