| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1598  Responded to: 25 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to request the number of fines issued for speeding offences recorded by Police Scotland on the following roads in Aberdeen since 1 June 2024:**

* **Ellon Road**
* **King Street**
* **Great Northern Road**
* **North Anderson Drive**
* **A944**
* **A956**
* **The Parkway**
* **North Esplanade West**

**If possible, within the cost and time constraints of the Act, I would also like to request the highest speed recorded by Police Scotland on each of the above roads during the same period.  
If including the highest recorded speeds would cause the request to exceed the appropriate cost limit, please disregard that part of the request and provide the data on the number of fines issued only.  
If this still exceeds the appropriate cost limit, please let me know how this can be amended.**

It is necessary to answer your request in two parts, due to different recording systems in place.

The table below detail Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Notices (COFPNs) issued in respect of offences detected by safety cameras (please note there are no cameras on Ellon Road, King Street or the Parkway):

| **Location** | **COPFNs Issued** | **Highest Recorded Speed** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| North Anderson Drive | 54 | 95 mph |
| A956/ North Esplanade West | 14 | 47 mph |
| Total | 625 |  |

Data covers the period 1 June 2024 to 28 May 2025 and is taken from a live database.    
As such, it is subject to change as updates are received - data is correct as of 28/05/2025.  
Please note that North Esplanade West forms part of the A956 road.  
Please also note that not every detected offence receives a COFPN and some drivers are instead reported to the Procurator Fiscal - for example, due to the severity of the offence.

There are also safety cameras on Great Northern Road and the A944, but they are fixed cameras, and I am refusing to confirm or deny whether associated COFPNs exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18. Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

* It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held.

Whilst we accept that the public are interested in the operation and effectiveness of safety cameras, the overwhelming public interest lies in preventing the commission of road traffic offences and keeping road users safe from harm.

* If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of at least one exemption set out in the Act. In this instance, the following exemptions would apply:

*Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement*

Disclosure would substantially prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. It is common knowledge that not all fixed safety cameras will be operational at any given time. Provision of data on a per camera basis will allow members of the public to gauge which cameras are active.

*Section 39(1) - Health, Safety and the Environment*

Disclosure would endanger the physical health or safety of an individual by encouraging road users to commit offences, thereby endangering other road users and pedestrians and rendering the safety cameras ineffective as a preventative road safety measure.

*Public Interest Test*

It could be argued that public awareness and accountability would favour disclosure. That said, the application of the exemptions listed above, the efficient/ effective conduct of Police Scotland and overall public safety favour non-disclosure of the information.

On balance it is considered that the public interest in disclosing activity data is outweighed by the potential consequences to law enforcement and the impact such a release would have on road safety measures.

In relation to officer detected speeding offences, 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.

To explain, each offence would have to be individually assessed to determine whether it was dealt with by Fixed Penalty Notice or by report to the Procurator Fiscal and then extract and note the speed involved.

To be of assistance, the table below details recorded speeding offences on the specified streets which resulted in a crime report being created.

| **Location** | **2024** | **2025** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| A944 | 41 | 36 |
| A956 | 27 | 25 |
| Ellon Road | 17 | 44 |
| Great Northern Road | 1 | 0 |
| King Street | 0 | 0 |
| North Anderson Drive | 0 | 0 |
| North Esplanade West | 0 | 0 |
| The Parkway | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 86 | 106 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.   
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 24 July 2025.  
Data was extracted using the crimes raised date and SGJD Code: 730400 (Other speeding Offences).  
Crimes were mapped to polygon for each street, with 20m of added buffer.

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.