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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.

Please, first of all, accept my sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Your outfit is currently running an advertisement on the radio covering the a96. It states that many people are killed due to speeding on the a96

1. how many accident have there been on the a96 in the last three years
2. how many fatalities have there been on the a96 in the last 3 years
3. how many accidents have solely been caused by speed alone on the a96 in the last 3 years
4. how many deaths have been attributed to speed alone on the a96 in the last three years

The table below provides the number of Road Traffic Collisions on the A96 (Aberdeen to Inverness), broken down by collision severity from 1st January 2019 – 31st May 2022

Collision Severity	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatal	6	3	3	1
Serious	15	10	14	4
Slight	29	7	13	8
Total	50	20	30	13

The table below provides the number of Road Traffic Collisions on the A96 (Aberdeen to Inverness), broken down by collision severity from 1st January 2019 – 31st May 2022 where exceeding the speed limit was at least one of the contributory factors.

Collision Severity	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatal	2	1	1	0
Serious	0	2	0	0
Slight	1	2	0	0
Total	3	5	1	0

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 01/08/2022.

Road Traffic Collision with the 'A96' recorded within the locus line were selected. These records were then plotted on an ArcGIS Map (based on the Grid East and Grid North). Road Traffic Collisions located on the A96 were then selected.

On the 12th June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division. On the 3rd July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland. CRaSH replaced the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.

Please note that a reportable collision is defined under Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and describes the legal responsibility on those drivers involved to report the matter to the police.

Where those involved exchange personal details, there is no legal requirement to report a collision to the police and this applies particularly to non-injury collisions.

As such, there may have been other collisions within the location of your request, which were not reported to Police Scotland, nor which required a collision report to be created, and will therefore not be included within the statistics.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.