

19 September 2024

FOI Ref 16845

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to know the total number of incidents reported to Staffordshire Police involving e-scooters, broken down into a) e-scooter vs car; b) e-scooter vs pedestrian; c) miscellaneous, in each of the last five years: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24.

I would also like to know the total number of e-scooters seized by Staffordshire Police in each of the last five years.

We received your request on 02/05/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- 1. I would like to know the total number of incidents reported to Staffordshire Police involving e-scooters, broken down into a) e-scooter vs car; b) e-scooter vs pedestrian; c) miscellaneous, in each of the last five years: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24. – **Information held.**
- 2. I would also like to know the total number of e-scooters seized by Staffordshire Police in each of the last five years. – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- 1. I would like to know the total number of incidents reported to Staffordshire Police involving e-scooters, broken down into
a) e-scooter vs car; – **Partial disclosure, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 16845 E-Scooter Incidents Data'.**
b) e-scooter vs pedestrian; - **Disclosed, nil.**
c) miscellaneous, – **Partial disclosure, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 16845 E-Scooter Incidents Data'.**

Please note, the data has been extracted from our Road Traffic Collision database using the other vehicle type as 'E-Scooter', 'Electric Scooter' and 'Electronic Cycle'.

In each of the last five years: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24. – **Partial disclosure, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 16845 E-Scooter Incidents Data'.**

- 2. I would also like to know the total number of e-scooters seized by Staffordshire Police in each of the last five years. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 16845 E-Scooter Incidents Data'.**



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The above information has been withheld for the following reasons

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

The information can already be found within the public domain.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.
- Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

- Please note, prior to 2020, E-Scooter data is held by the Department of Transport. Therefore, the data is readily available on the below link.
[Road Safety Data - data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk)

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional incidents may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk



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Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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