

9 August 2024

FOI Ref 16885

Request - You asked us the following:

We are fully aware of all the deaths that are occurring all over the UK caused by "off road motorbikes". These losses are of innocent people going about their everyday lives. Tragic losses to many many families including young children.

Can you please confirm whether or not the Chief Constables of Staffordshire Police has instructed that his officers should.

- A. When seeing an off-road motorcycle being ridden on a public road and the rider or pillion passenger is not wearing a crash helmet. No action is to be taken ?
- B. The offender must not be passively followed? OR.
- C. No signal or request made to inform the rider to stop? OR.
- D. No attempt must be made to follow any such motorcycle that has failed to stop. OR.
- E. No request to be made for permission to pursue any such rider because it will be refused .

Does any such order if one exists differentiate between riders with a helmet?

If the answer to my questions is," Yes", then is the instruction given to all Police Forces in England and by whose authority? Or just Staffordshire?

If the answer to my question is ,"No", then what are the instructions given for the circumstances outlined in my question?

We received your request on 20/05/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

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- B. The offender must not be passively followed? OR. – **No information held.**

- C. No signal or request made to inform the rider to stop? OR. – **No information held.**
- D. No attempt must be made to follow any such motorcycle that has failed to stop. OR. – **No information held.**
- E. No request to be made for permission to pursue any such rider because it will be refused . – **No information held.**
- Does any such order if one exists differentiate between riders with a helmet? – **No information held.**
 - If the answer to my questions is, " Yes", then is the instruction given to all Police Forces in England and by whose authority? Or just Staffordshire? – **No information held.**
 - If the answer to my question is , "No", then what are the instructions given for the circumstances outlined in my question? – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- If the answer to my question is , "No", then what are the instructions given for the circumstances outlined in my question? – **Disclosed, each decision for a Police Officer to stop or pursue a motorcycle and its riders is judged individually, with the officer using the National Decision-Making Model and having a Dynamic Risk Assessment of the situation that they are presented with. It would be then a decision for the following officer in consultation with the Pursuit Manager as to whether officers would continue to follow a vehicle with a view to stopping it.**

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.

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.



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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:

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Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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