

15 October 2024

FOI Ref 17166

Request - You asked us the following:

For each of the following financial years 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020-21 and 2019/20:

How many electric scooters were seized by your force?

How many fixed penalty notice fines were given out to people for riding an e scooter on a public road without insurance?

We received your request on 19/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

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

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can easily retrieve information from our systems to answer part 2 of this request. There is no category in the 'vehicle type' field on the system used to service this request that contains 'e-scooter'. There are over 326,117 driving offences in the time frame requested which would need individually reviewing to identify whether an e-scooter was involved. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 4 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 21,741 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

Should you retract question 2 of this request. Data could be supplied for question 1. However, please note further exemptions may apply.



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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

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

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

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