



24 October 2024

FOI Ref 17322

Request - You asked us the following:

Please can I request the following under the Freedom of Information Act?

1. Please could you provide me with the number of reported casualties in accidents/collisions involving e-bikes (electric bikes) for each of the following calendar years:

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) 2024 to date

2. For each of the calendar years outlined in Q1, please could you provide a breakdown of the reported casualties in Q1 by the following categories:

- i) Killed
- ii) Serious injury
- iii) Slight injury
- iv) Total

3. For each of the calendar years outlined in Q1, please could you provide a breakdown of the reported casualties in Q1 by the following road user types:

- i) e-bike user
- ii) pedestrian
- iii) pedal cyclist
- iv) motor cyclist
- v) e-scooter user
- vi) car occupant
- vii) van occupant
- viii) bus occupant
- ix) other vehicle occupant

Request amended 18/10/2024:

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- d) 2023
- e) 2024 to date

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We received your request on 03/10/2024 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 readily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 45,000 incidents whereby a road traffic collision has been reported. In order to determine whether the collision involved an electric bike, the record for each collision would require manual review.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 3 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 2,250 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information 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.

Unfortunately, we cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down in order to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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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