



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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Your Ref: FOI: 21933
Date: 11 November 2025

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 7th October 2025 (ref 21933).

We refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:

Reported road casualties Great Britain: e-Scooter factsheet 2024 - GOV.UK states that one pedestrian was killed by an e-scooter. This has been widely head-lined in the national press, but no such collision can be found on line. The DfT road collision "interactive dashboard" indicates that the fatality occurred in Staffordshire / West Midlands with the following limited details:

Casualty - fatal, male 40-49
Perpetrator - male 40-49
Vehicle - PPT (e-scooter)
When - 1900-1959hrs, wednesday in December 2024.
Where - a single carriageway road, 30mph speed limit, in Staffordshire, West Midlands.

Questions.

1. Please confirm or correct the details above.
2. Please provide a copy of the collision report, preferable un-redacted, or with limited personal information redacted if you require.
3. Please provide the reference number of the collision report / STATS19 form.
4. Was a criminal investigation initiated? Is it concluded or ongoing?
5. Were charges brought, if so specifically what charges?
6. Has the case been heard by a court, and which one?
7. Has Staffordshire Police reported the case to the Coroner, and if so which coroner and with what reference number? Has inquest been opened and/or concluded?

Notwithstanding the above, please provide the following collision details.

8. Reported time and date of collision.
9. Reported location of collision, by street and town.
10. Did the collision occur in the road space (eg road, junction etc) or pedestrian space (eg pavement, pedestrian crossing etc).
11. Was the e-scooter privately owned or rented under the DfT rental trials. If rented, from which company?
12. In total, how many fatal collisions involving an e-scooter occurred in Staffordshire in 2024.

Further to the above, we also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review which was received on 3rd November 2025 (ref 22045).

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Incident No 651 of 18 December 2024 – Collision Ref 211538173 – PEDESTRIAN FATALITY



The reply dated 13 October withheld answers to 11 of my 12 questions. The answer to question 12 merely reflected DfT published statistics. Much of the information I requested is now on MAVRIC and hence in the public domain, including the STATS19 reference 211538173, hence there is little point withholding associated information. However, it is possible the STATS19 was mis-coded giving rise to mis-reporting of this fatality in national news media. I am now seeking information to resolve this confusion.

The DfT have confirmed that the subject collision gave rise to the single pedestrian fatality "involving an e-scooter" highlighted in their latest report: Reported road casualties Great Britain: e-Scooter factsheet 2024 - GOV.UK

The report was covered by most national news media: eg E-scooter horror with one pedestrian killed and dozens seriously injured in 1 just year | UK | News | Express.co.uk

It is generally interpreted that a "pedestrian death involving an e-scooter" means the pedestrian was hit and killed by the e-scooter, as was the case with Linda Davis (71) hit and killed by a 14 year old e-scooter riding on the pavement at over 20mph (source: court report), in Rainworth, Notts on 2 June 2022. Hence, the DfT's report of a second pedestrian fatality has public interest nationally.

However, it is now clear from DfT data that the pedestrian was hit by a car, not an e-scooter, and the pedestrian was likely an e-scooter rider. If this is the case, it would be more pertinent to record this as an e-scooter rider fatality, regardless of STATS20 guidance. Consequently, the DfT (RoadAcc Stats) confirmed:

"Our record of the collision on 18 December 2024 includes 2 vehicles (a car and an e-scooter) and one casualty (a pedestrian, who was killed). The casualty and e-scooter rider are both males aged 47, so could be the same person where the casualty type has been mis-coded by the police, though it is hard to be completely certain from the information we hold.....this would be the case we have recorded as a pedestrian death in our figures".

In conclusion, please provide the following information:

- 1. Provide a copy of the collision report (with personal data redacted as appropriate), or*
- 2. Explain the involvement of an e-scooter in this collision.*

Our Response

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above, we are of the opinion that that the application of the exemption outlined within the response was fully justified and that the explanation and rationale for its application was conveyed clearly and unequivocally.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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