

13 October 2025

FOI Ref 21933

Request - You asked us the following:

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.

We received your request on 07/10/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

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Please note that there is 1 offence that is still being investigated so with regard to this case we are citing Section 30(1)(a)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Investigations conducted by Public Authorities.

The following exemption has been applied:

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

- Section 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations
- Section 30 is qualified and class based and, as such, we are required to apply the public interest test.



Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are carried out in the future. Staffordshire Police is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balance test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors we are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is our view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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