**1 July 2026** **FOI Ref 22982**

**Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:**

For the purposes of this request, "e-scooter" refers to a privately-owned electrically powered scooter (powered transporter) and does not include electrically assisted pedal cycles (e-bikes), electrically powered motorcycles or mopeds.
Please provide the following information for each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

1. The number of privately-owned e-scooters seized by your force.
2. Of those e-scooters seized, the number that were subsequently released or reclaimed by their owners.
3. The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), Traffic Offence Reports (TORs), or equivalent traffic disposals issued in relation to the use of privately-owned e-scooters.

Where the information requested is held but not recorded in exactly the format requested, I would be grateful if you could provide the closest available recorded information.
This request is intended to capture information that can be retrieved by way of an electronic search of your force's records systems. I am not requesting that individual records be manually reviewed.

SP received your request on 08/06/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

**SP holds/does not hold the requested information.**

Please provide the following information for each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

1. The number of privately-owned e-scooters seized by your force.
   **- Disclosed: Please see the attached data file, 'FOI 22982 e-scooters Data.xlsx'**
2. Of those e-scooters seized, the number that were subsequently released or reclaimed by their owners.
   **- Disclosed: Please see the attached data file, 'FOI 22982 e-scooters Data.xlsx'**
3. The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), Traffic Offence Reports (TORs), or equivalent traffic disposals issued in relation to the use of privately-owned e-scooters.
   **– Unknown.***

Please note that these figures have been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems and software. Additional scooters may have been seized during these timescales but are still being processed and/or are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is 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.

Consequently, 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.

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

**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.

*In respect of question 3, SP have made numerous exhaustive attempts to obtain the data that you have requested from the relevant data holder within the force. However, following all attempts, we have been unable to receive a satisfactory response from the data holder with which to provide a response to your request. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

**Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure in relation to questions 1 and 2**

1. **Who Can Ask for a Review**

Any person who has requested information from SP, 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 SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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, considering 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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