16 October 2026 **FOI Ref 23453**

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following recorded information:
1. The number of electric bikes (e-bikes) seized by your force in each month from 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2026.
2. The number of electric scooters (e-scooters) seized by your force in each month over the same period.

Definitions
By "e-bike", I mean any electric bicycle seized because it did not meet the legal requirements for an electrically assisted pedal cycle (EAPC). This includes bikes fitted with conversion kits or otherwise modified. By "seized", I mean any seizure under any power, for example Section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 or Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002.

Format
Please provide the figures in a spreadsheet (XLSX or CSV) if possible, with one row per month.

If your systems do not record e-bikes and e-scooters separately, please provide a combined figure and let me know. If monthly figures would exceed the cost limit, please provide annual totals for 2024, 2025 and 1 January to 30 September 2026 instead. If any part of this request would exceed the cost limit, please provide the information you can within it and advise how I could narrow the request.

SP received your request on 30/09/2026 and processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds the requested information.

1. The number of electric bikes (e-bikes) seized by your force in each month from 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2026. **– Partially disclosed,**
   01/01/26 - 31/01/26 e-bikes 1
   01/02/26 - 28/02/26 e-bikes 1
   01/03/26 - 31/03/26 e-bikes 2
   01/04/26 - 30/04/26 e-bikes 0
   01/05/26 - 31/05/26 e-bikes 0
   01/06/26 - 30/06/26 e-bikes 0
   01/07/26 - 30/07/26 e-bikes 0
   01/08/26 - 31/08/26 e-bikes 0
   01/09/26 - 30/09/26 e-bikes 1. Please see below for further information.

2. The number of electric scooters (e-scooters) seized by your force in each month over the same period. **– Partially disclosed,**
   01/01/26 - 31/01/26 e-scooters 0
   01/02/26 - 28/02/26 e-scooters 0

01/03/26 - 31/03/26 e-scooters 0
01/04/26 - 30/04/26 e-scooters 3
01/05/26 - 31/05/26 e-scooters 2
01/06/26 - 30/06/26 e-scooters 0
01/07/26 - 30/07/26 e-scooters 0
01/08/26 - 31/08/26 e-scooters 1
01/09/26 - 30/09/26 e-scooters 0. Please see below for further information.

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 parts of this particular request.

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

Advice and assistance

To comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

- https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/staffordshire/2026-published-foi-requests/august/foi-23179-e-bikes-seized.pdf

The above link provides yearly figures for e-bike and e-scooter seizures for 2024 and 2025. A monthly breakdown of the figures for 2024 and 2025 would engage Section 12 of the FOI Act.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP 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 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

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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Information Access Team