| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1807  Responded to: 29th July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to you Under The Freedom of Information Act 2000, to ask if you could you kindly answer the following questions relating to traffic offences, cycling and road use:

## Between 1st July 2023 and 1st July 2024, the number of reported road incidents where a cyclist was injured.

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) and 27(1) exemptions apply:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”.

Information for the period of 1st July 2023 – March 2024 is publicly available: [Road traffic collision data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/road-traffic-collision-data/). Data for more recent data will be available at the same link within 12 weeks.

## 2) Between 1st July 2023 and 1st July 2024, the number of reported incidents where a cyclist was physically or verbally assaulted by a pedestrian or another road user

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process this part of your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance

By way of explanation there is no incident classification specific to cyclist incidents. It would be classified as a road traffic matter. The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each road traffic report created on our systems to determine relevance to your request. Considering the numbers of incidents involved this is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

## 3) The number of reported bike thefts between 1st July 2023 and 1st July 2024

## 4) If reported as such, the street/area where the these offences were most likely to occur

## 5) If these have risen or fallen year on year

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If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.