| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2994Responded to: 29 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. Please state the number of fixed Police Scotland speed cameras currently in operation in Inverclyde and please give the location for each of these cameras.**

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) exemption applies:

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

The information sought is publicly available: [Safety Camera Locations - Police Scotland](https://www.safetycameras.gov.scot/cameras/safety-camera-locations/)

In relation to questions 2,3,4 and 5 I would advise that due to our retention policy, information prior to 2021 is not held and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

**2. Since the start of 2019, please give the total number of drivers caught speeding by each of these cameras. Please further break this information down by calendar year. E.g. - Camera: A761 Clune Brae, Port Glasgow, near to Benclutha. Total in 2019: 84, total in 2020: 94, etc.**

The table below provides data relating to numbers of drivers caught speeding by fixed speed cameras in the Inverclyde area for the period 01/01/2021 to 25/11/2024.

Please note that the fixed camera locations have been anonymised. I regret to inform you that I cannot provide you with the specific location of the fixed cameras as requested.

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 following exemptions apply:

Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement

Disclosure would give a clear indication of the level of enforcement of a particular camera and furthermore would set a precedent for the disclosure of the same information at every site across the area, which would severely prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

Section 39(1) - Health, Safety and the Environment

Disclosure would endanger the physical health or safety of an individual by indicating the level of enforcement at a specific site and showing any patterns or trends in the use of the equipment which would encourage road users to commit offences, thereby endangering other road users and pedestrians and rendering the safety camera ineffective as a road safety measure.

Public Interest Test

It could be argued that public awareness and safety camera partnership accountability would favour disclosure. That said, the application of the exemptions listed above, the efficient/effective conduct of Police Scotland and overall public safety favour nondisclosure of the information. On balance it is considered that the public interest in disclosing site specific data is outweighed by the potential consequences to law enforcement and the impact such a release would have on road safety measures

| Location | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Site 1 | 156 | 78 | 0 | 287 |
| Site 2 | 138 | 113 | 69 | 110 |
| Site 3 | 50 | 58 | 53 | 113 |
| Site 4 | n/a | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Site 5 | n/a | 0 | 0 | 65 |
| Site 6 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 0 |

**3. Please state the fastest speed each camera has recorded a motorist driving at in Inverclyde during the above period.**

The table below details the highest speed recorded by each camera in the Inverclyde area for the period 01/01/2021 to 25/11/2024

| Camera location | Fastest Speed (mph) |
| --- | --- |
| A761 Kilmacolm Road, Port Glasgow, near Arran Avenue | 93 |
| A78 Inverkip Road, Greenock, near Cumberland Road | 78 |
| Cumberland Road, near to West Morland Rd, Greenock | 65 |
| Larkfield Road near Earnhill Road, Gourock | 54 |
| Dubbs Road near to Auchenbothie Road, Port Glasgow | 53 |
| Regent Street near to Terrace Road, Greenock | 49 |

**4. For each calendar year since 2019, please state the total number of drivers caught speeding in Inverclyde. Please also give totals for the number of drivers caught by fixed speed cameras, the number caught using speed guns and the number caught by any other means (and indicate what these means were).**

The table below details numbers of drivers caught speeding by fixed and mobile speed cameras in the Inverclyde area for the period 01/01/2021 to 25/11/2024

|  | 2021  | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fixed Speed Cameras | 351 | 259 | 128 | 668 |
| Mobile Speed Cameras | 168 | 176 | 68 | 8 |
| Inverclyde Total (Safety Camera Unit) | 519 | 435 | 196 | 676 |

**5. Please provide the number of drivers who were caught speeding in Inverclyde since 2019 and were a) charged b) issued with a fine. Please break these totals down by calendar year.**

The table below provides data relating to Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalties issued and paid and reports to the Procurator Fiscal for drivers caught speeding in the Inverclyde area for the period 01/01/2021 to 25/11/2024.

|  | 2021  | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty (COFP) Issued | 396 | 353 | 144 | 413 |
| Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Paid | 305 | 298 | 121 | 361 |
| Reported to the Procurator Fiscal for Non-Payment of COFP | 59 | 44 | 22 | 39 |
| Reported to the Procurator Fiscal as Not Eligible for a COFP | 28 | 14 | 5 | 51 |

Caveats:

The data supplied is Safety Camera Unit offences only and does not include offences detected by roads policing or any other source.

Data is taken from a live system which is subject to change and correct as of 25/11/2024.

2024 figures are for offences downloaded and processed as of 25/11/2024.

COFPNs issued, COFPNS paid and reports to the PF are by date of offence rather than date issued/paid/reported.

The data for questions 2 and 3 have been sorted by highest to lowest offences/speeds rather than alphabetically, so there can be no assumption that row 1 of question 2 is the same location as row 1 of question 3.

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 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 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.