| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-0910Responded to: 12th April 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I was wondering if you could provide me with some figures, if possible, on road crashes in the north-east and in Fife?

##  How many road accidents/deaths occurred in the North-east and in Fife last year?

## How many fatals have there been in the north-east and Fife in the first three months of this year?

## And how many were there in the first three months of last year?

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 2023 is publicly available: [Road traffic collision data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/road-traffic-collision-data/)

“Information is exempt information if it is held with a view to its being published at a date not later than twelve weeks after the request for the information is made”.

Information for the first quarter of 2024 will be published at the same link within 12 weeks of this response.

I believe it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information be withheld from disclosure at this time and that maintaining the exemption outweighs any public interest in disclosure.

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.