| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2849  Responded to: 22 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please could you tell me the number of road traffic accidents on the A90 between Ellon and Peterhead in 2024 (up to the present date), 2023, 2022 and 2021?**

**Broken down by the same year:**

**Please could you tell me the number of road traffic accidents at the Toll of Birness junction?**

**Please could you tell me the number of road traffic accidents at the Cortes junction?**

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”.

Data from 2020 to date is available on the Police Scotland website - [Road traffic collision data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/road-traffic-collision-data/).

The Road traffic collisions can then be mapped to their specific locations using the filters on locations/ road names and/ or the Eastings and Northings.

Similar data going back to the mid-1990s is available on the Department for Transport website - [Road Safety Data - data.gov.uk.](https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/cb7ae6f0-4be6-4935-9277-47e5ce24a11f/road-safety-data)

You may however find it easier to refer to [CrashMap - UK Road Safety Map](https://www.crashmap.co.uk/) which displays Road Traffic Collision drawn from these sources into a more user-friendly map format.

Updated information will be published at the same link within 12 weeks of this response.

“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”.

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](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.