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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## May I make a FOI request for the statistics for Dumfries police officers stop and question cyclists in Dumfries and Galloway for cycling without regulation lighting. Statistics for specifically this September in 2024 as well as the September's in 2023 and 2022?

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

To explain, this activity would only be recorded in an officer’s notebook. Therefore, researching your request would require individually assessing all notebooks belonging to Dumfries & Galloway officers.

To be of assistance, the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989 address the offence of cyclists not having lights. This offence is not included in Schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988, which means a fixed penalty cannot be issued. Instead, cyclists would be reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) rather than receiving a fine. This offence falls under the classification of ‘Bicycles - other offences,’ and relevant data can be accessed online, with 2024 data to be published shortly.

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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.