| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2288  Responded to: 01 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request details of how many incidents of road traffic accidents have been (i) reported to and (ii) attended by Police Scotland in each of the following financial years: 22/23 and 23/24 on Edinburgh City Bypass.

Table 1 shows numbers of recorded road traffic incidents along the Edinburgh City Bypass for the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Table 1

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| Incident | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
| Road Traffic Collison | 275 | 336 |
| Road Traffic Matter | 1008 | 1021 |
| Total | 1283 | 1357 |

Table 2 shows numbers of attended road traffic incidents along the Edinburgh City Bypass for the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Table 2

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| Incident | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
| Road Traffic Collison | 130 | 145 |
| Road Traffic Matter | 568 | 520 |
| Total | 698 | 665 |

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| All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 25/09/2024. | |  |
| 1. The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and selecting Initial Incident Type TR-41 & TR-43 (ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION/ROAD TRAFFIC MATTER) | |  |
| 2. Specified areas have been selected using GIS Mapping to identify the relevant records.Edinburgh Bypass City, Edinburgh Division has been selected. The Grid East and Grid North recorded on the Incident, relates to the location Police Officers have been directed to attend. |  |  |
| 3. Error and transferred incidents have been removed. |  |  |
| 4. Keyword search was carried out for 'A720' to identify the relevant records. | | |
| 5. Please note, "Attended" Storm Incidents are defined by a valid timestamp within the "At Scene" variable. |  |  |

## Please provide a specific location on the bypass (eg Lothianburn junction) and brief description of the accident if possible.

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.

By way of explanation the only way to collate this data in a concise and comprehensive manner would be to manually assess each individual record to determine relevance to exact location. Given the numbers displayed above, this is clearly an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within the act.

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.