| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2420Responded to: 14 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 regarding road traffic incidents and speed enforcement on the A92 in Scotland. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

## Road Traffic Accidents on the A92:The total number of road traffic accidents Police Scotland has responded to on the A92, broken down by year, for the last five years.Of these accidents, how many were classified as fatal, broken down by year, for the last five years?

Please see table 1 below for the number of recorded road traffic collisions along the A92, broken down by year and collision severity for the period of 1st January 2019 to 31st August 2024 (inclusive).

Table 1

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| Collision Severity | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Fatal | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Serious | 18 | 23 | 15 | 23 | 21 | 8 |
| Slight | 44 | 26 | 37 | 41 | 50 | 20 |
| Total  | 62 | 53 | 52 | 66 | 75 | 30 |

## Speed Cameras on the A92:

## How often speed cameras are deployed on the A92, including:

## The number of mobile or fixed-speed cameras in operation.

I can confirm that there are 3 fixed and 17 temporary cameras in use along the A92.

## The frequency of their use (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly) over the past five years.

In line with data retention policies this data is only held for three years as such any data for before 2021 is not held and section 17 of the act therefore applies.

For the period 1 January 2021 to 30 September 2024, I have attached separately data relating to the frequency of use for the temporary cameras.

In relation to the fixed 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 following exemptions apply:

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

Disclosure would substantially prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.
Disclosure would clearly indicate the enforcement activity of particular cameras and show patterns/ trends, thereby encouraging drivers to commit offences, based on an assumption that they are unlikely to be detected at particular sites/ dates etc.
Such an impact on driver behaviour renders safety cameras ineffective as a road safety measure.

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

Disclosure would endanger the physical health of an individual on the basis that any increase in speeding endangers other road users and pedestrians.

**Public Interest Test**

Public awareness and 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 non-disclosure of the information sought. On balance it is considered that the public interest in disclosing site specific data is outweighed by the likely negative consequences to law enforcement and road safety measures.

## Any recorded data or assessments showing whether the use of speed cameras has resulted in a reduction in road traffic accidents within identified black spots along the A92.

There are five core sites identified on the A92. Please see attached the site reviews for all five locations.

The documents have been subject to minimal redaction. The withheld information 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 38(1)(b) - Personal Data - the names of individuals and incident details have been redacted as they amount to the personal data of the parties involved

Please note that any other locations along this road are part of a route strategy that is currently under review, as such we do not hold any information for these at the moment and section 17of the act therefore applies.

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.