| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 23-2572Responded to: 23 October 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **A breakdown showing how many patrol/response vehicles are (a) less than a year old, (b) 1-5 years old, (c) 5-10 years old and (d) more than 10 years old.**
2. **A breakdown showing how many patrol/response vehicles have travelled (a) less than 50,000 miles, (b) 50,000 - 100,000 miles and (c) more than 100,000 miles.**
3. **What is the average age and mileage of patrol/response vehicles?**
4. **What is the age and mileage of the oldest patrol/response vehicle currently in service?**

It is necessary to split this response into two parts, one in relation to our covert vehicle fleet and another in relation to our marked vehicle fleet.

In relation to our marked vehicle fleet, the information sought is publicly available:

[Fleet information - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/fleet-information/)

The information is therefore 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”.

In relation to our covert vehicle fleet, 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

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

Disclosure of the information sought regarding our unmarked fleet would potentially lead to covert vehicles being identified - thereby compromising their effectiveness entirely.

Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment

Disclosure would increase the risk to the personal safety of police officers and members of the public as a result of covert vehicles being identified.

I recognise that public awareness would favour a disclosure as it would contribute to the public debate surrounding the overall nature of vehicle resources available for deployment by the Police.

I would however contend that the efficient/ effective conduct of the service and public safety favours non-disclosure as it cannot be in the public interest to release information that would prejudice law enforcement or which is likely to have an adverse impact upon public safety.

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.