| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1540  Responded to: 15 July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **How many learner driver accidents have there been in recent years between (05/04/2021) to 05/04/24**

**1a) of those incidents, whether the collision was with another vehicle or pedestrian**

**1b) the gender of the learner drivers**

**1c) the age of the learner drivers**

**1c) the time of the day the accident occurred**

**1d) The location of test centres where accidents occurred on test**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, a search was conducted for recorded Road Traffic Collisions, with a contributory factor of "Inexperienced/learner driver" which returned a result of 250 records.

The recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for us to conduct a keyword search solely for “learner driver”, so the figures noted are not an accurate representation of learner driver collisions.

In order to accurately answer your question, each of these records would have to be manually reviewed. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.