| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2895  Responded to: 26 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many patrol cars/vans are in the Police Scotland fleet?**

**What is the (a) average and (b) maximum age of vehicles in the current fleet of patrol cars/vans?**

**How many patrol cars/vans are more than (a) ten and (b) twenty years old?**

**How many patrol cars/vans have recorded more than (a) 100,000 miles and (b) 200,000 miles?**

Police Scotland have a marked fleet, vehicles that have police livery or markings, and an unmarked fleet that does not have any identifiable markings.

In relation to our marked 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 section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

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

In relation to our unmarked 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**

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. Disclosure of the unmarked fleet would highlight vehicle resources and capabilities. Revealing this information would substantially weaken the effective use of vehicle resources with a corresponding risk to law enforcement and to the safety of both the public and officers. This is a non-absolute exemption and requires the application of the public interest test.

**Section 39(1) - Health and Safety**

Disclosure would in turn increase the risk to the personal safety of individuals and to the safety of the police officers responding to incidents. This is a non-absolute exemption and requires the application of the public interest test.

**Public Interest Test**

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 of the information 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](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.