

18 January 2022

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 2021-2681**

**REQUEST**

- 1. How many accidents involving electric / e-scooters have taken place in your area between 01 January 2019 and 01 December 2021.**
- 2. Do you have further details of the number of accidents involving e-scooter collisions with motor vehicles e.g. cars, buses and vans.**

***Please can you provide the figures on a month-by-month basis for this time period.***

***Additional information about the request:***

***Time period for data relating to the request: 01 January 2019 to 01 December 2021***

**RESPONSE**

Question 1

I approached our Analyst for our Incident Management System for assistance with your request. Our Incident Management System records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties.

She has searched the system and has advised the following:

*Below is the volume of incidents per month that were closed with a disposal code relating to RTC, including the words 'Scooter' & 'e-scooter';*

Jan-19	7
Feb-19	14
Mar-19	8
Apr-19	11
May-19	12
Jun-19	4

Jul-19	9
Aug-19	6
Sep-19	13
Oct-19	10
Nov-19	7

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In an emergency: 999

Non-emergency: 101

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Dec-19	11
Jan-20	11
Feb-20	13
Mar-20	11
Apr-20	3
May-20	7
Jun-20	11
Jul-20	11
Aug-20	20
Sep-20	9
Oct-20	9
Nov-20	11
Dec-20	15
Jan-21	4
Feb-21	7
Mar-21	8
Apr-21	15
May-21	10
Jun-21	23
Jul-21	11
Aug-21	14
Sep-21	15
Oct-21	15
Nov-21	6
Total	371

## Question 2

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of any 'further details'.

### **Section 12(2) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit**

I can confirm that South Yorkshire Police holds information in relation to 'further details' and whilst this is quite unspecific, the provision of any further information would exceed the 18 hour cost threshold. Information provided in question 1 shows there are 371 records which fit the criteria of your request. To provide further information would require a manual review of each incident. Assuming it would take in excess of 3 minutes to review and extract any further detail required, it is estimated that this would take in excess of 18 hours to manually review of each record.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 provide that the st limit for non-central government public authorities is £450. This must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour, providing an effective time limit of 18 hours. . If you feel your endeavours can be achieved within

the appropriate limit by refining your request, South Yorkshire Police would be more than happy to consider any further request.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner to public authorities is that where one part of a request is reasonably estimated to exceed the appropriate limit then the authority is not obliged to consider or comply with the remainder of the request up to the point at which the appropriate limit has been reached. Please note point 30 of the below link:-

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