



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

REQUEST

The number of road traffic collisions involving e-scooters and e-bikes for the following periods:

July 26 2019 – July 26 2020

July 26 2020 – July 26 2021

July 26 2021 – July 26 2022

July 26 2022 – July 26 2023

July 26 2023 – July 26 2024

For each period, can you include the number of incidents that resulted in injuries, and the number that resulted in one or more deaths.



RESPONSE

The above metric is not something that is currently a recorded category. In order to provide this data an individual search of each record would need to be carried out – in 2023 alone there were 819 incidents – taking into account it would take 3 mins per record to analyse would take this over the allowed 18 hours (3mins x 819 = 40.95 hrs) therefore the following exemption has been applied:

Section 12 – Excess Cost

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 12(1) of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

Section 12(1) “does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

In the case of a police force, the appropriate limit is set at £450, which is calculated at £25 per hour (i.e. 18 hours). Gwent Police would have to conduct a manual search to find and extract the information for this question. This would take more than 18 hours of staff time therefore we are unable to answer this question and the exemption is engaged.

We appreciate that you may be disappointed on this occasion that we are unable to provide the requested information. However under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have a duty to assist you in relation to refining your request, where we may be able to answer some of your questions.

****update****

****All data below is for injury RTCs only – No off highway or non-injury RTCs****

July 26 2019 – July 26 2020 - 0
July 26 2020 – July 26 2021 - 0
July 26 2021 – July 26 2022 - 3
July 26 2022 – July 26 2023 - 1
July 26 2023 – July 26 2024 – 7 (up until March 2024 only)

There were no fatalities recorded.

Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain,



and therefore freely available to the public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

If, upon receiving a response to a freedom of information request, you are unhappy with the outcome, you may request an internal review. **This should be made within 40 working days of the initial response.**

Please direct any internal review requests to FOI@gwent.police.uk

You have the right to request an appeal from the Information Commissioners Office about your Freedom of Information request, if you are dissatisfied with your internal review response.

ICO Contact Details:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.