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Date 26th October 2022

Our ref FOI 2022/803

Dear ***,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 10th October 2022, concerning Moped/low power motorcycle accidents with provisional licenses.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted with the Justice Traffic Department of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply you the information you have requested.

You wrote:

Please could you answer the following questions, broken down annually:

1 - Between 2017-2022, how many road accidents involved a moped/motorcycle of 50CC or less (annually)?

Please could you break these answers down by the type of license held e.g., full driving license/provisional license/no license held.

2 - Between 2017 - 2022, how many people were injured in accidents involving a moped/motorcycle of 50CC or less (annually)?

Please could you break these answers down by the type of license held e.g., full driving license/provisional license/no license held.

3 - Between 2017-2022, how many road accidents were there in total (annually)?

4 - Between 2017 - 2022, how many road accidents involved personal injury (annually)?

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Response:

The information that you are requesting namely for questions 1 & 2 is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. We currently do not have the capability within our systems to flag information which can then be analysed quickly and easily. The only way this would be possible is by manually interrogating thousands of entries to find out what type of license was held by the rider at the time.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below:

3 - Between 2017-2022, how many road accidents were there in total (annually)?

2017 – 4992
2018 – 4800
2019 – 4221
2020 – 3122
2021 – 3865
2022 up to 20th October – 3446

4 - Between 2017 - 2022, how many road accidents involved personal injury (annually)?

2017 – 1319
2018 – 1286
2019 – 1330
2020 – 1061
2021 – 1253
2022 (Jan-Mar) – 311

Please note we do not have the full data set of injury collisions for 2022 as of yet as we have a backlog of inputting into the software.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request in respect of questions 1 & 2 to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

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Exemption applied:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(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 accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker



Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

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Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>