

28th June 2023

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 23.009743

Thank you for your request for recorded data held by South Yorkshire Police

REQUEST

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act.

1. How many reports of robbery, theft, attempted robbery and attempted theft, did you receive between 1/1/2022 - 31/12/2022 where the suspect was reported to be riding an E-bike or E-scooter?

1a. In how many of these incidents was a mobile phone taken or attempted to be taken?

1b. In how many of these incidents was a watch taken or attempted to be taken?

1c. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the incidents reported.

2. How many reports of robbery, theft, attempted robbery and attempted theft, did you receive between 1/1/2019 - 31/12/2019 where the suspect was reported to be riding an E-bike or E-scooter?

2a. In how many of these incidents was a mobile phone taken or attempted to be taken?

2b. In how many of these incidents was a watch taken or attempted to be taken?

2c. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the incidents reported.

I can confirm I would be happy for you to conduct a keyword search of the offences for 'e-bike', 'e-scooter', 'lime bike', 'lime scooter' in order to obtain this information as accurately as is possible.

I can confirm I would be happy for you to then conduct a keyword search of these offences for 'watch' and 'mobile phone' if necessary.

If you are able to provide specific details about any of the reports, such as where it took place and whether a knife was used, I would be very grateful.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crime'.

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

They provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of their search criteria:

Please find the dataset attached for FOI 23.009743.

Please note by searching for terms “e-bike”, “electric bike”, “e-scooter”, “electric scooter”, “lime bike”, “lime scooter” within the initial MO I cannot define what involvement the phrase has with the offence without full manual review ie. Whether the bike/scooter was stolen, used by the suspect, damaged in another crime ect. It would require manual review of all 242 offences

Criteria Used - Incident Created Date is between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2022, SYP & crime only filter, Initial MO is LIKE (pattern match) %e-bike%, %electric bike%, %e-scooter%, %electric scooter%, %lime bike%, %lime scooter%, HO Group Name is equal to THEFT, ROBBERY

I have reviewed the Offences provided and can confirm of the 242 Offences only 8 gave detail in the MO summary stating the suspects were on or used an electric scooter/bike. Of those 8 none involved a knife.