

2nd September 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191810

REQUEST

Please would you be able to provide answers to the following questions:

1. How many reports of accidents involving electric scooters (also referred to as 'e-scooters') did South Yorkshire Police attend in the 2018 calendar year? And the same question for 2019 to date.

Please could you provide further information about each logged incident including: - The date of the callout/incident (specific date if possible, if not then the month and year)

- Any basic information on the individual (gender, age, location)

- If there were any injuries, and if so their nature, the cause (eg. collision with car / bike / a fall etc).

2. How many (if any) penalty notices were issued in the 2018 calendar year and 2019 to date for an e-scooter being ridden on the pavement / road in a public place? For any that were issued, please could you provide any extra information available, for example, date, location, what specific penalty was issued and for what reason.

CLARIFICATION

Q1 – I can request data from our Incident Management System which records calls made to the police from members of the public or officers. This may give some detail of an accidents reported to us involving an electric scooter but is reliant on it being reported in the first instance. Also due to the migration onto a new system in December 2018 we can only provide data up to Dec 2018 as we are unable to retrieve the data from the new system as you are requesting it.

Q2 – we have been asked recently and have been advised that a fixed penalty ticket wouldn't be issued for an electric scooter.

Should we proceed on the Incident Management System for recorded calls up to Dec 2018?

FROM THE REQUESTER

That would be fine (re proceeding on the Incident Management System for recorded calls up to Dec 2018). If we could take it forward on that basis, that would be great.

RESPONSE

I firstly approached Operational Support Services to see if they could assist with this request. An Analyst advised our accident recording system does not have a code for E Scooter and the nearest similar type also covers scooters and skateboard type vehicles. To attempt to retrieve the data required would require a manual trawl of each incident and creating the report.

I then contacted our Incident Management Administrator. This 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. Each record is a log of events and commentary as the incident progresses or unfolds, with very few search fields to extract any meaningful data.

As there is no generic incident title that meets the criteria of your request, our administrator has provided all the incidents where the words “e scooter” and “electric scooter” are mentioned in the MO field and I have checked each one to see if they fit the criteria of your request.

Please see the below details for 2018.

Date	Title	Incident Details.	Injuries	Distict
Mar-18	Transport - RTC	Electric Scooter drove into the side of a car	None	Doncaster
Jul-18	Public Safety	Rider has come off the scooter.	Not stated	Doncaster
Sep-18	Transport - road related	Rider reporting nearly being knocked off his scooter by a vehicle.	None	Sheffield
Jul-18	Transport - road related	Caller reporting a rider of a Electric scooter may be in drink.	None	Sheffield

Other incidents that were returned related to missing persons, stolen scooter and anti social behaviour.