

13th November 2020

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202258

REQUEST

I am looking to get some data on two wheeled e-scooters (not mobility scooters) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could I get a list of criminal offences where the suspect is riding an e-scooter broken down by outcome since January 1, 2020?

And please could I also get a count of victims in e-scooter crimes broken down by injury type since January 1, 2020?

RESPONSE

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

She provided me with the following explanation of her search criteria:

E-scooter or electric scooter is not a recorded MO Desc in Connect ('Motorcycle – scooter/moped' is however I believe the requestor is wanting two-wheeled electric scooter offences).

As such I have returned any offences where 'E-scooter' or 'Electric Scooter' is recorded in the Initial MO or the Investigation Summary.

I have provided a count of offences from 1st Jan 2020 to 31st Oct 2020 inclusive.

Please note – Offences are recorded in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules – General Rules - The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) - IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS.

This data may not be specific to two-wheeled electric scooters - an electric scooter with more than two wheels could have been recorded as 'E-scooter' or 'Electric Scooter'.

The search provided a count of 36 offences, and I have checked the raw data of these to see if they are relevant to your request. The attached spreadsheet are the offences where the suspect was riding an 'E-Scooter' or 'Electric Scooter', and also includes the type of injury to the victim, if applicable.

Please note, as my colleague has already explained, the data in the free text may not be specific to two-wheeled electric scooters - an electric scooter with more than two wheels could have been recorded as 'E-scooter' or 'Electric Scooter'.