



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 13 November, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

- How many traffic collisions has there been where nitrous oxide has been involved per year? Please provide data for each year: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023. Please provide as much data for 2023 as possible closest to the current day.
- How many of those traffic collisions involving nitrous oxide have resulted in one or more fatalities? Please specify how many for each incident.
- How many arrests have been recorded for the illegal sale of nitrous oxide from the start of 2016 to the 8th of November 2023?

Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to provide the following.

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information you have requested. Therefore, this represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

The Scottish Police Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland. Requests can be submitted to Police Scotland via email to - foi@scotland.police.uk

Also of interest may be [official statistics on crimes and offences recorded by the police in Scotland](#), published by the Scottish Government.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

After review, if you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

An anonymised version of this response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.