



## Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

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<b>REQUEST TITLE:</b>	Stolen Electric Scooters 2017-2020
<b>DATE RANGE:</b>	01 January 2017 to 02 July 2020
<b>INFORMATION REQUESTED:</b>	<p>The total number of electric scooters stolen in the force's area from January 1, 2017 to July 2, 2020?</p> <p>Of that figure, how many were stolen in robberies?</p> <p>And how many were taken in armed robberies? What weapons were used?</p> <p>Also, can you please tell me the age and genders of the victims?</p>
<b>DISCLOSURE WITH EXEMPTIONS:</b>	Full Disclosure
<b>INFORMATION CORRECT AS AT:</b>	14 July 2020
<b>DATE OF DISCLOSURE:</b>	23 July 2020
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b>	N/A

**FOI 14583 RESPONSE**

Having completed enquiries within Essex Police in respect of Section 1(1)(a), Essex Police does hold information relating to your request, Essex Police can confirm in respect of Section 1(1)(b) the following data:

**Caveat: We have used two means to determine the presence of an electric scooter on an incident, firstly whether the Property Item was positively identified as such but also if the modus operandi makes mention of such a device. However, there is no nomenclature to distinguish between the kind of electric scooter a teenager might use to get to school and the kind of electric scooter an elderly person may use to aid their mobility. The below table will contain a mix of both types of product as we have no means to distinguish between the two.**

Gender	Female															Female Total	Male															Male Total	Grand Total						
Age	13	21	23	24	25	27	28	34	35	38	44	48	51	54	60	61	9	14	15	17	18	19	22	26	31	35	39	40	46	48	53	55	58	60	73	86			
ALL OTHER THEFT OFFENCES	1	1		1								1	1				5	1			1			2	1	3			1				1	1	1	1	12	17	
BICYCLE THEFT																															1							1	1
BURGLARY - BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY														1			1																					1	1
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL			1		1		1				1					1	1	6					1			1	1		1	1	1							6	12
ROBBERY - PERSONAL																		1	1		1	1																4	4
VEHICLE OFFENCES						1		1	1								3																					3	3
VIOLENCE WITH INJURY															1		1							1										1				2	3
VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY																		1																				1	1
Grand Total	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	42

Every effort is made to ensure that the data provided by Essex Police is accurate and complete. However, Essex Police systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not for the purposes of providing data to answer specific FOI enquiries. Please note although data can be extracted from a number of sources via database queries, the results may be subject to inaccuracies. Care should be taken to understand our return when considering the interpretation or further use of the data.

<b>FOI REFERENCE NUMBER:</b>	14588
<b>REQUEST TITLE:</b>	Electric Scooter Offences 2015-2020
<b>DATE RANGE:</b>	N/A
<b>INFORMATION REQUESTED:</b>	<p>1. How many people have been fined/cautioned for riding an electric scooter on UK roads for the years; 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and up to June 2020. If possible, please could the response be split into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) No. of people fined</li> <li>b) No. of people cautioned</li> <li>c) No. of people who received penalty points</li> <li>d) No. of people disqualified from driving</li> <li>e) Total number of people fined/cautioned/disqualified</li> </ul> <p>2. How many people have been fined/cautioned for riding an electric scooter on UK roads under the influence of alcohol or drugs for the years; 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and up to June 2020. If possible, please could the response be split into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) No. of people fined</li> <li>b) No. of people cautioned</li> <li>c) No. of people who received penalty points</li> <li>d) No. of people disqualified from driving</li> <li>e) Total number of people fined/cautioned/disqualified</li> </ul> <p>Note: if a split of data is not available, just the total number of people caught would be helpful</p> <p>Time period for data relating to the request: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and up to June 2020.</p>
<b>DISCLOSURE WITH EXEMPTIONS:</b>	Refusal, Sections 12(1) and 17(1)
<b>INFORMATION CORRECT AS AT:</b>	06 July 2020
<b>DATE OF DISCLOSURE:</b>	23 July 2020
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b>	N/A

**FOI 14588 RESPONSE**

Having completed enquiries within Essex Police in respect of Section 1(1)(a), Essex Police does hold information relating to your request, however, the obligation of Section 1(1)(b) cannot be met as Essex Police does not hold all the information requested in a format that allows it to be retrieved within the time and cost limits of FOI.

When responding to a request for information under the terms of the FOIA, a public authority is not obliged to provide information if the authority estimates that the cost of the retrieval of the information requested would be in excess of £450 (equivalent to 18 hours work). The costs criteria relates to *a request in its entirety*, which means that if we cannot retrieve all of the information requested within the costs limit, we are not obliged to retrieve *any* of the information requested.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA states that a public authority is not obliged to:

*“...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”*

The following explanation outlines the difficulty Essex Police has in answering your request:

In relation to Question 2, Essex Police are unable to accurately extract the level of detail in relation to your request for the requested period from our current systems. Essex Police systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not primarily for the production of statistical information for FOI responses. There is no specific code for Electric Scooters and we cannot differentiate between a motor vehicle or scooter for offences. This request would entail manually extracting the requested data and then reviewing each case, one by one to establish if it meets the criteria. To establish if information is held would, therefore, exceed the time and cost limits under the FOIA and would qualify as the creation of data as the results cannot be processed by means of purely sorting or filtering data sources or running a database query tool. There is no requirement under the act to create data purely to answer FOI requests.

Consequently, and to this extent, Essex Police are exempt from the duty to provide information you have requested under the provisions of Section 12(1) of the FOIA. Therefore, and in accordance with Section 17(1) of the FOIA, this communication must act as a refusal notice to provide all of the information that could be interpreted as being captured by this part of your request.

Having said that, and in an effort to assist, although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the FOIA, Essex Police can confirm the following:

Essex Police collate figures for Arrests and only monitor up to the point of charge. We do not record conviction data (this is held by the Crown Prosecution Service), however, we are able to provide outcome data i.e. whether Charged, Summoned, Postal Requisition, etc if required.

The amounts paid in respect of fines are held by the courts, fine income is recorded by HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS). You may wish to approach them directly. The below link maybe of interest to you:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-courts-and-tribunals-service>

Section 16(1) of the FOIA provides that a public authority is required to provide advice and assistance, Essex Police can confirm that Arrests Under the Influence - Drink/Drugs could be provided if required. A free text search could be undertaken of the Arrest Circumstances for Electric Scooter or variations thereof i.e. E-Scooter, Electronic Scooter, etc as it might mention this. However, this may not provide a true picture as the details of the offence may be captured within the investigation log or attached documentation (i.e. witness statements, etc), which are fields/areas that we are unable search. Any keyword search may not be entirely accurate and any results would not necessarily answer your submission, and, therefore, could be highly inaccurate and misleading.