

4th November 2024

REFERENCE: FOI\24\131

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your request for information dated 31st October 2024, as detailed below.

'I wish to make the following freedom of information request:

(1) Since Jan 2020 how many people in Northern Ireland have been prosecuted for using an electric scooter on public roads and footpaths. This will include driving an electric scooter without a license and insurance and any other prosecutions related to operating an electric scooter.

(2) If you can disclose - Which areas in NI were these people caught.'

In relation to the questions you have posed, the Department only holds information about those who have been prosecuted at courts, or dealt with by an out of court diversionary disposal. However, there is no specific offence relating to the use of an electric scooter on public roads and footpaths. Such offences may be prosecuted under more generic motoring offence descriptions, such as 'using a motor vehicle with no insurance'. The Department does not hold information in relation to the type of vehicle involved as part of its datasets, so we are not able to provide the information requested.

Information on fixed penalty notices issued for motoring offences and for those charged with such offences is held by the Police Service of Northern Ireland and they may hold more detail on the type of vehicle involved in such offences. You may wish to approach them to see if they hold the information requested. They can be contacted at foi@psni.police.uk.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the DoJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager