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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210344

REQUEST

Can you please advise how many e-scooters were seized by the police force during 2020?

Can you also advise how many fines were handed out for riding e-scooters during 2020?

Seizures should be available from compounds. If e-scooters are not recorded as a category, please search for any vehicle seized where the make is is by Xiaomi, Ninebot, Inokim or Pure.

Clarification

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past. All such requests and responses are published on the Force Disclosure Log, which can be found on the South Yorkshire Police website at: -

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/>

You may find that research of the Log may be worthwhile prior to submitting future requests as this may well result in the information being available immediately rather than any delay resulting from the process of responding to a request under the Act. In particular, we would draw your attention to the following entries: -

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/e-scooter-incidents-ref-20202341/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/e-scooters-confiscated-seized-ref-20202161/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/electric-scooters-ref-20191632/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/electric-scooters-ref-20191556/>

It would be helpful if you could review the above entries and compare the responses to your particular requirement for information. We appreciate that people have different reasons for requesting information and those differences often lead to slight but important variations in the wording of requests. We are concerned to avoid misinterpreting these subtle variations and issuing an unnecessary or erroneous refusal to release information under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (Information available to the applicant by other means). We also understand that information changes with the passage of time

and previous responses may not always cover the date or time parameters of your request.

If our previous responses do not completely satisfy your requirements it would be appreciated if you could refine your request in order to elicit that information not already published on our website. So, for instance, where your requirement involves information from particular date parameters, and we have only released information for part of that time frame, it would be helpful if you could refine your request so as to prompt the release of information relating to the dates not already published.

Reply to Clarification

Thank for you for your response.

I don't see any that expressly cover the whole of 2020 (and only 2020), or covers seizures and fines.

For instance [one](#) was published in 2021 regarding seizures but - strangely - does not specify what period it covers.

Should I to assume that the date of publication is the date to which the period ends? If so, can you confirm it does not include seizures in 2021?

RESPONSE

I approached our District Business Managers for assistance with your first question regarding seizures. A Business Manager has responded on behalf of all our Districts, and confirmed that there have been 3 scooters identified as being 'electric scooters' seized in 2020.

I have also approached our Data Researcher in the Safety Cameras Ticket Processing Office for assistance with regards to your second question. He has reiterated, as stated in the above clarification FOI, ref 20191632, that a Fixed Penalty Ticket would not be issued for an electric scooter.