



Response Date: 13/03/2025

2025/286 - Vehicles impounded

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This is an information request relating to vehicles impounded by the force, namely mopeds/scooters and vehicles registered with the motability scheme.

Please provide the following information, for the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 (to present) financial years:

- **The number of mopeds or scooters impounded in relation to PWITs or drug investigations**

Please also, for the same financial years, provide the following information:

- **Vehicles (of any kind) impounded for any crime which are registered with the motability scheme. Please provide a breakdown of the types of crime for those impounded**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain all information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Below are all forms of motorbikes as I am unable to break it down into mopeds and scooters – these have all been involved with some form of crime.

2019 / 2020 - 58
2020 / 2021 - 41
2021 / 2022 - 73
2022 / 2023 - 68
2023 / 2024 - 75
2024 - 10/03/2025 - 64

We are unable to provide those involved with PWITS and drug crime without a manual search as it is not recorded to this level on our system.

01/01/2019 – 28/02/2025 – 215 motability vehicles have been seized.
Some of these may be Road Traffic Collision's (RTCs), however to confirm this would be a manual search.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 12/03/2025