



Response Date:10/04/2025

2025/385 - Motability

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.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to know, between the years 2014 and 2024, how many Motability vehicles were seized by your police force after they were used, or they were suspected to have been used, in criminal activity. Could you please break down the statistics by year, eg, how many in 2014; 2015...

If possible, could you also please provide a breakdown of the nature of each offence involving Motability vehicles. Eg, theft; assault.

Motability vehicles are cars given to eligible claimants in exchange for their disability benefits. I understand that cars which are seized are then taken back by Motability so there should be records of all Motability vehicles involved in criminal activity.

Motability vehicles only started being recorded correctly on the system as of 2019.

Please note

S.165 is uninsured, no licence or both

S.99 = RTC (minor injuries or damage only), abandoned, stolen, burnt out, breakdowns and used in criminal activity

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested/any further breakdown 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.

2019 = 10

S.165 = 3

S.99 = 7

2020 = 13

S.165 = 3

S.99 = 10

2021 = 12

S.165 = 5

S.99 = 6

RTC serious = 1

2022 = 28

S.165 = 6

S.99 = 21

RTC serious = 1

2023 = 39

S.165 = 10

S.99 = 28

RTC serious = 1

2024 = 100

S.165 = 34

S.99 = 64

RTC serious = 2

2025 (01/01/2025 – 31/03/2025) = 36

S.165 = 14

S.99 = 22

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 04/04/2025