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Your ref:

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Dear Mr Soper,

I write in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 23 March 2021. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
<p>Dear Thames Valley Police, https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powering-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters The government websites states: "The definition of "motor vehicle" as set out in the Road Traffic Act 1988 is "any mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads". There is case law confirming that powered transporters fall within this definition... Failures to comply with these rules are criminal offences for which users can be arrested and prosecuted." The law defines electric scooters as "powered transporters"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I would like to request the number of offences reported and prosecuted of use of "powered transporters" in the Thames Valley Area in the last 12 months.2. Additionally, "It is an offence to use powered transporters on the pavement. By section 72, Highway Act 1835 it is an offence to ride on, or to lead or draw a carriage on a	<p>This request is being refused under Section 12(1) of the FOIA.</p> <p>Section 12 of the FOIA allows that public authorities do not have to comply with section 1(1) of the Act if the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.</p> <p>This information is not held in an easily retrievable format and would require a manual search and review of thousands of individual records. There is no specific field for "powered transporters" on our crime recording system, therefore to determine this would require a manual review of each relevant report. This will exceed the appropriate 18 hour time and £450 cost limit.</p> <p>Section 16:- Further advice & assistance</p>



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<p><i>pavement. This rule applies almost all vehicles, with special legal exceptions for mobility scooters and wheelchairs". Again, how many offences of this nature have been reported in the last 12 months?</i></p> <p>3. <i>This webpage also mentions "If you use an e-scooter illegally, you could face a fine and penalty points on your licence, and the e-scooter could be impounded" Please tell me for the last 12 months, on how many occasions have penalty points been issued and how many "e-scooters" have been impounded.</i></p>	<p>Thames Valley Police cannot further advise how this information might be retrieved within the constraints. However, you may wish to dramatically reduce the scope and timeframe of your request, for instance, a week of your choosing. This may increase the likelihood of data being returned within the constraints.</p>
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Complaint Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within two months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI inbox; publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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