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Your ref: Our ref:

FOI2021/01323

3rd December 2021

Dear Rowan Bridge,

2015 2016 2017

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: FOI2021/01323**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th November in which you seek access to the information stated:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information

1. Total number of Road Traffic Collisions for the following calendar years
2015
2016
2018
2019
2020
2021 - up to and including 31st Oct 2021
2. Total number of incidents where a driver failed to stop for the following calendar years
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021 - up to and including 31st Oct 2021
3. Total number of people charged with failing to stop for the following calendar years

2018 2019 2020

2021 - up to and including 31st Oct 2021

Please accept this letter as an acknowledgement of receipt of your request, which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). (FOIA)

## **DECISION**

City of London Police are unable to answer your request as the information requested cannot be collated within the timeframe/cost threshold set out by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection Act Fees Regulations 2004.

Section 12 1(1)

'Fail to stop' collisions are not recorded independently of other collision types. Therefore, to identify which Road Traffic Collisions concluded with a driver failing to stop it would be necessary to manually examine every collision recorded during the specified period(s).

The cost of undertaking this task would exceed the appropriate limit. For agencies outside of central Government, this is set at £450 and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours [at a rate of £25 per hour] determining whether the public authority holds the information. This also includes locating, retrieving, and extracting the information requested. This email constitutes a formal Refusal Notice for this request. A full explanation of this decision, including the relevant sections of the Act and the Fees Regulations, is given in the Legal Annex below.

## **DUTY TO ADVISE AND ASSIST**

Under Section 16 of the Act, there is a duty to advise applicants in making requests for information.

Although this request has been refused on the grounds of cost, as a gesture of goodwill outside of the FOI Act, we can supply you with a response to Q1:

Year	Collisions
2018	557
2019	570
2020	253
2021 (to 31 Oct)	257

## Please note:

In October 2017, City of London Police upgraded their Crime Recording, Custody, Case Management, and Intelligence systems. As a result, we are unable to provide you with data recorded before this date.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or the decision which has been reached, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests must be submitted within two months of the date of this response and should be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Information Management Services Bishopsgate Police Station 182 Bishopsgate EC2M 4NP

E-mail: foi@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk

Please mark your complaint clearly and remember to quote the reference number in all correspondence. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning his investigation.

Thank you	for your	interest in the	City of Lo	ndon Police.
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Yours sincerely

**Bradley Skinner**