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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04663

I write in connection with your request for information received on 19th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

How many reports of accidents involving electric scooters (also referred to as 'e-scooters') did Bedfordshire Police attend in the 2018 calendar year? And the same question for 2019 to date. Please could you provide further information about each logged incident including: - The date of the callout/incident (specific date if possible, if not then the month and year) - Any basic information on the individual (gender, age, location) - If there were any injuries, and if so their nature, the cause (eg. collision with car / bike / a fall etc). 2. How many (if any) penalty notices were issued in the 2018 calendar year and 2019 to date for an e-scooter being ridden on the pavement / road in a public place? For any that were issued, please could you provide any extra information available, for example, date, location, what specific penalty was issued and for what reason.

CLARIFICATION - Ok sure - that would be fine (on only being able to provide incidents where e-scooter is mentioned within the text) so if can proceed with that approach that would be much appreciated.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their crime recording systems within the Force please see our response in the table below: -

Words searched with in the Incident Logs - Segway, Hoverboard, Electric Scooter, e-scooter & self-balancing scooters					
1.1.2016 - 15.7.2019					
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
ANPR ACTIVATION - ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY - POSSESSION OF NOXIOUS SPRAY				2	2
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR				2	2
BURGLARY	1	1			2
BURGLARY - DWELLING	1	1			2
CONCERN FOR SAFETY/SECURITY			1		1
CONCERN FOR SAFETY/SECURITY - MISSING PERSON LEFT ON A SEGWAY	1				1
CONCERN FOR WELFARE		1	1		2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE		1			1
DOMESTIC INCIDENT		1			1

ELDERLY MALE - CANT GET OUT OF HIS GATE WITH HIS ELECTRIC SCOOTER AS THERE ARE TWO CARS BLOCKING HIS GATE	1				1
HIGHWAYS DISRUPTION		1	1		2
HOAX/ ABANDONED CALL - WOULDN'T GIVE SEGWAY BACK			1		1
ELECTRIC SCOOTER HAS BROKEN DOWN		1			1
NUISANCE	1				1
PROPERTY LOST/FOUND	1		1		2
RIDDEN DANGEROUSLY	1				1
ROAD RELATED OFFENCE		1			1
ROBBERY	1		1	1	3
ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE	2				2
SEGWAY RAN OUT OF BATTERY		1			1
SHOPLIFTING	2				2
STOLEN	2	2			4
STOLEN/CRIMINAL DAMAGE			1		1
SUSP CIRCS/INSECURE PREMS/VEH	3				3
PERSON THREW A PLASTIC BOTTLE AT OWNER AND TRIED TO PUSH THEM OFF THE SEGWAY				1	1
THEFT OF MOTORBILITY SCOOTER			1		1
VEHICLE NUISANCE OR INAPP USE	1	1			2
Grand Total	18	12	8	6	44

Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May 2018, when fully implemented, will help keep Bedfordshire safe, bring more offenders to justice and improve outcomes for victims. Updating our ICT was absolutely necessary to ensure Bedfordshire Police remains as effective and efficient as possible. The public should be reassured crime continues to be reported and investigated as normal but whilst colleagues become more comfortable and familiar with how Athena works Bedfordshire Police has some concerns around data quality for which reason some of the data provided concerning events recorded after 23 May 2018, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.