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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01817

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: ACCIDENTS / PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING MOTABILITY SCOOTERS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many accidents have been reported to the PSNI over the past year involving motability scooters?

Question 2

How many accidents have been reported to the PSNI over the last five years involving motability scooters?

Answer

PSNI are unable to detail specifically where motability scooters are involved in **injury** road traffic collisions, this would be a manual exercise and is not searchable on our database, however we can provide the number of injury road traffic collisions involving 'invalid vehicles'. Statistics Branch can only provide information on Injury - Road Traffic Collisions and have no information on damage Only/No Injury RTCs.

Figures for the period between 1/4/04 to present are as follows:

Number of Injury- Road Traffic Collisions involving 'invalid vehicles'

1/4/04 - 31/3/05:	1	collision
1/4/05 - 31/3/06:	1	collision
1/4/06 - 31/3/07:	1	collision
1/4/07 - 31/3/08:	0	collisions
1/4/08 - 31/3/09:	1	collision
1/4/09 - date:	3	collisions

Question 3

How many motability scooter drivers have been prosecuted over the past year?

Question 4

How many motability scooter drivers have been prosecuted over the past five years?

Answer

The Niche database went live from September 2007 and as it has a search mechanism available to search for the 'type of vehicle' we have been informed that from that date **one person** has been reported to the Public Prosecution Service for prosecution. Niche does not yet have results of case files so we are unable to say whether or not the accused has been prosecuted.

The recording systems used prior to the introduction of Niche search via specific offence codes and do not have the search mechanism available to Niche for type of vehicle search. There is no specific code relating to your request so we are unable to complete a search of these systems and cannot provide any information prior to September 2007.

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