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Our reference: 01/FOI/25/007374/W
Your reference:

Date: 18/08/2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007374/W

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 12/08/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Question 1 –

What would you like to know?: In a recent Facebook post you asserted that 90 per cent of fatal motorcycle collisions "last year" were attributable to rider error

I am making this FOI request to ask for the statistics or source which you have used as the basis of this claim.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located information relevant to your request.

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1 –

Information held.

Analysis Summary of 2024 Fatal Motorcycle Collisions in Derbyshire

The analysis was conducted by reviewing the circumstances of each collision, the vehicles involved, the manoeuvres being undertaken, and the contributory factors recorded.

In 2024, there were 10 fatal collisions involving motorcyclists in Derbyshire:

3 involved a single motorcycle only (no other vehicles).

1 involved two motorcycles.

6 involved one or more motorcycles and at least one other type of vehicle.

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Each collision was assessed by examining the listed contributory factors in relation to the vehicle types involved. This included evaluating road positioning (e.g. whether all vehicles were on the correct side of the road) and the manoeuvres being performed at the time (such as overtaking, braking, and points of impact).

The data revealed that in 9 out of 10 cases, the primary contributory factors were attributed to rider effort. Only 1 collision was primarily attributed to the driver of another vehicle.

While motorcycles are inherently more vulnerable on the roads, the analysis highlighted that a significant proportion of fatal incidents were linked to rider error. Common factors included excessive speed, loss of control, poor manoeuvres, and misjudging the path or speed of other vehicles.

Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS and COPYRIGHT ISSUES

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to require the Derbyshire Constabulary to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that Derbyshire Constabulary have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. **However, this request must be made within 40 working days from the date of our response.**

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to **Freedom of Information Officer, Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Butterley Hall, RIPLEY, Derbyshire, DE5 3RS** or via email at foi@derbyshire.police.uk

Where possible the Derbyshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days. However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, telephone or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF - Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

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