

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2022-028

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

Has the Commissioner had any meetings with the Chief Constable regarding unlawful and dangerous use of pavements by cyclists, private scooter riders, and Beryl renters? If so, what were the outcome of such discussions?

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

Yes. Records show that the Commissioner has raised the use of E-scooters at two meetings which were also attended by the Chief Constable. The details held about these discussions are as follows (the square brackets have been added by us to aid your understanding):

From the Joint Leadership Board held on 19 July 2021.

E-scooter campaign

DS [*PCC David Sidwick*] queried whether any e-scooters had been confiscated. SdR [*Then Assistant Chief Constable Sam de Reya*] advised that an escalation approach was in place dependent on the offending and would provide an update to the PCC. DS [*PCC David Sidwick*] also asked to be informed when an e-scooter had been confiscated. SdR [*Then Assistant Chief Constable Sam de Reya*] pointed out that e-scooters could be purchased online and used without any advice and asked how this concern could be fed back nationally.

From the Joint Leadership Board held on 21 June 2021.

E-Scooters

DS [*PCC David Sidwick*] highlighted a differential between the pilot being held in London and the pilot in Bournemouth in that the London Pilot the E-scooters have registration numbers. CN [*Chief Superintendent Caroline Naughton*] endorsed the Force is part of the consultation for the pilot and this information would be fed into the process. It was noted that information is confusing as E-Scooters are not legislated. JV [*Then Chief Constable James Vaughan*] requested that SdR [*Then Assistant Chief Constable Sam de Reya*] liaise with BCP around their plans on the appropriate use of E-Scooters.

However, it should be noted that the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 covers **all recorded information held by a public authority**. The Act does not cover information that is in someone's head. If a member of the public asks for information, then we only have to provide information we already have in recorded form. We do not have to create new information or find the answer to a question from staff who may happen to know it.

In this case, this means that the PCC and Chief Constable will likely have been at other meetings in which there were conversations regarding the unlawful and dangerous use of pavements by cyclists, private scooter riders, and/or Beryl renters, but that we do not have recorded information about those meetings and/or outcomes.