

e-scooters in the UK

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Safe transport for all

The use of e-scooters in the UK

Not all e-scooters are the same...

Privately
owned and
maintained

Operator
managed
rentals

Seated
options are
available...

The status of private e-scooters in the UK

Private e-scooters are legal to purchase, but are **illegal** to use in public places

Defined as a motor vehicle they would require insurance, registration etc. This is almost impossible.

Regulations for safe construction and use of private e-scooters as a means of transport do not exist.



Trial rental e-scooters in England

Since July 2020, operator owned e-scooters have been available through regulated rental schemes, at fewer than 30 sites.

There are regulations for rental e-scooters governing their:

- speed
- weight
- rider requirements



Lessons learnt from the English rental trials

The DfT's evaluation report gives insights into...

The number of rides

14.5 million rides were made by 1.4 million users

Mode shift

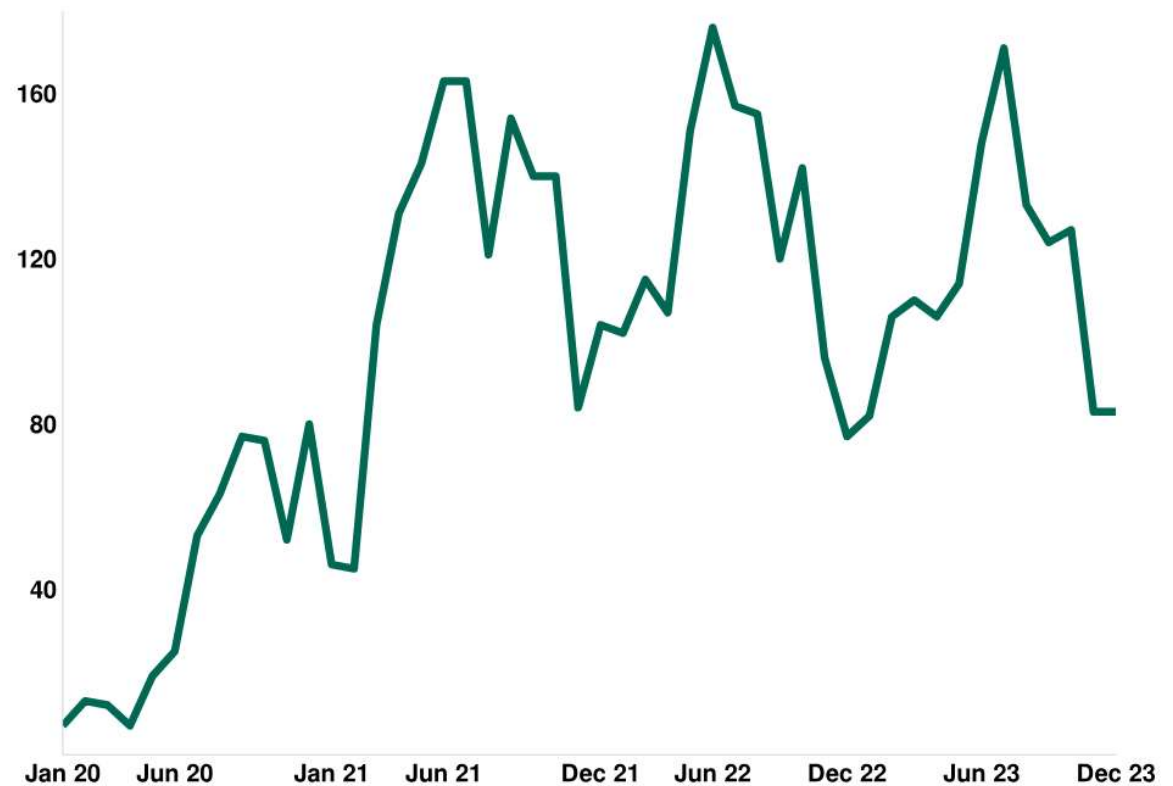
Most users would have walked or used public transport

...but not casualty rates

Official data of e-scooter casualties

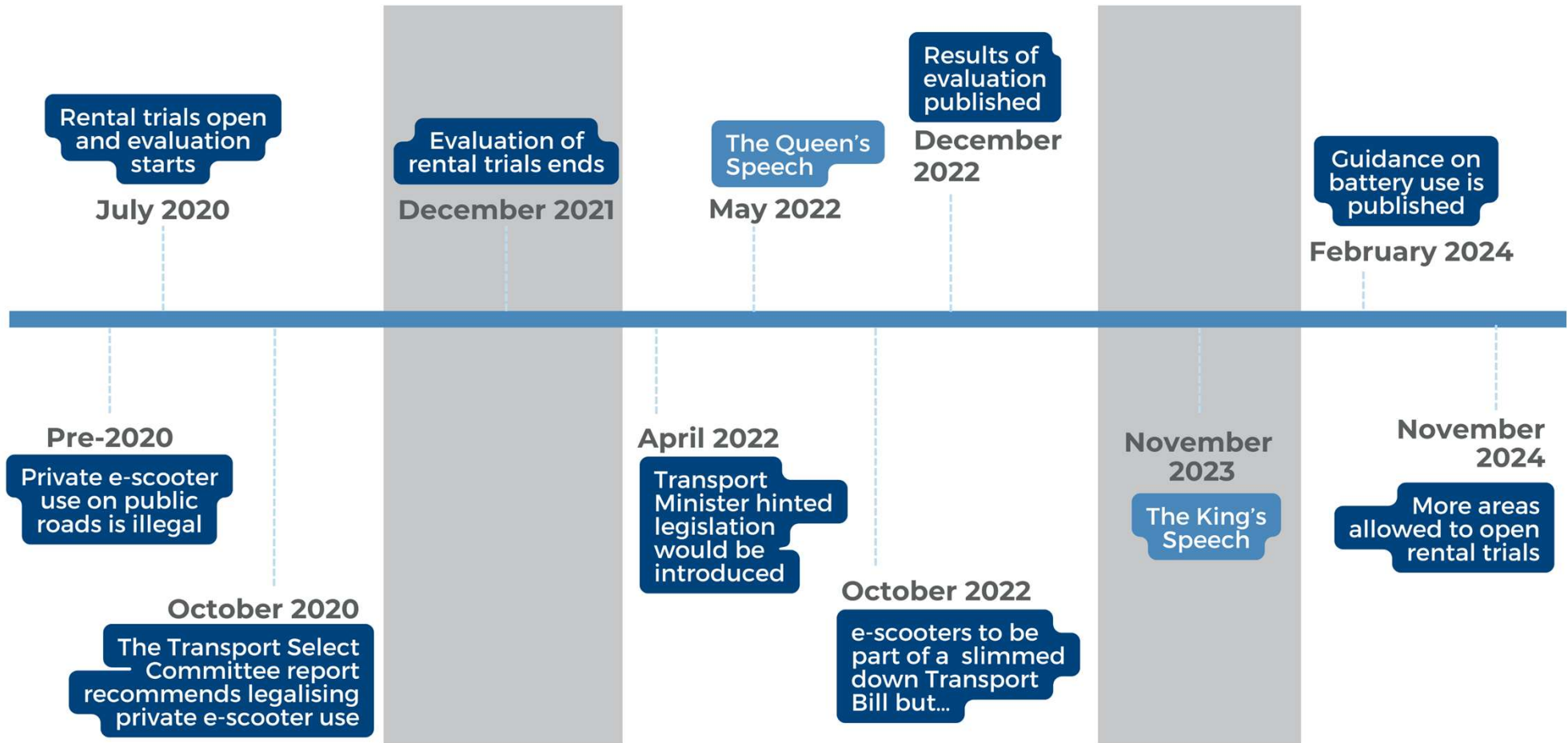
Reported casualties in collisions involving e-scooters by month, Great Britain, from January 2020

A study of data from 2020 found fewer than 10% of casualties presenting to emergency departments were recorded in the official data



Source: DTI, Reported road casualties Great Britain: e-scooter factsheet year ending December 2023

e-scooters in the UK – A timeline



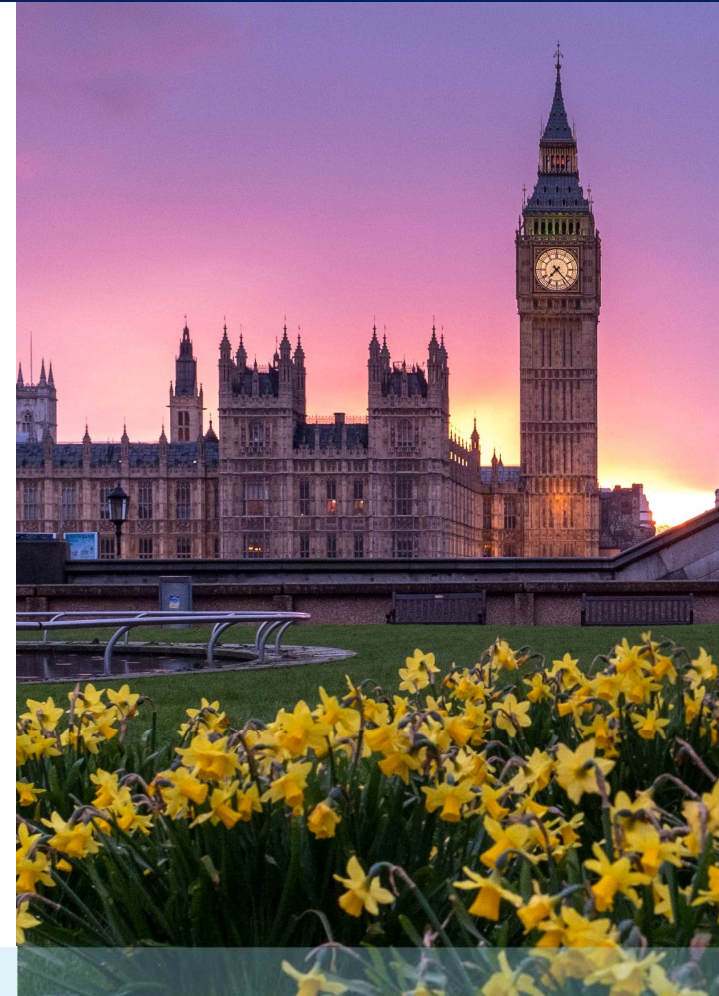
What next for the UK?

Rental trials

- expansion of rental trial areas
- a second evaluation – prioritising safety?
- trials ends May 2026

Private e-scooters

- a Transport Bill
- a public consultation
- secondary legislation



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