



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0608

On 07/06/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to know:

How many traffic collisions involving delivery drivers (couriers, food delivery drivers, postage and goods drivers etc.) have been recorded by your force in the last five years. Please provide a breakdown of:

- a. What type of vehicles were involved – in particular, what vehicle the delivery driver was using;*
- b. The calendar year in which the collision took place;*
- c. The injury severity of the accident (fatal, severe or slight);*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

When members of the public report Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) to the Constabulary, they are recorded on the Incident Recording System. This system is largely free text and whilst it will include the location of the incident, it may or may not include the type or use of the vehicle involved, the role of the driver at the time of the collision nor may it accurately reflect the extent of the injuries sustained. Therefore its reporting function is limited.

Although there is a category of incidents relating to RTCs, to retrieve the data you require would require a manual review of every incident that has a category of 'RTC' assigned to it, however minor it may initially appear. This function would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act as there are many thousands of road traffic collisions reported every year.

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I am unable to suggest how you could amend your request in order to access the information you seek. You have helpfully provided details of information that is already available through Gov.uk

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.