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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0188

On 09/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The total number of reports of theft from a person received for the following electronic devices in 2020, 2021 and 2022:

Device (Category - Stolen)	2020	2021	2022	Total
Laptops				
Tablets				
Smartphones				
Smartwatches				
Total				

2. The total number of reports received of theft from a person in 2020, 2021 and 2022 where one of the following was reported to have been used as the crime was committed:

Vehicle category	2020	2021	2022	Total
Moped				
Motorbike				
Electric scooter				
Bike				
E-bike				
Car				
Total				

3. The total number of reports received of theft from a person in 2020, 2021 and 2022 where there was a report of a weapon being used, or the victim suffering injury:

	2020	2021	2022	Total
Total				

4. The number of people aged under 18, divided by the age brackets below, who have been charged with theft from a person in each of the years ended 2020, 2021 and 2022:

	Under 10 years of age	11-12	13-14	15-16	17	Total
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2020						
2021						
2022						

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.

The list of property items within the Crime Recording System not does include Smartphones or Smartwatches. Therefore, the only way to ascertain if any of these property items had been stolen would be to conduct a manual review of crimes.

Similarly, there is no property item of Motorbike, Electric Scooter or E-bike that can be searched for question 2. So again, a manual review of crimes would be required for this part of the request.

With regard to question 3, this information cannot be retrieved electronically either. The only way of retrieving this information relating to Theft from Person offences would be to manually review all crimes.

The above manual reviews would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

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 can confirm that the following information is electronically retrievable from the Crime Recording System:

- Number of crimes recorded whereby property items of 'laptop' and/or 'tablet' were recorded as stolen.
- The above search but whereby 'moped', 'scooter', 'road bike' or 'bicycle' were used in the commission of the offence.
- Number of crimes recorded whereby property items of 'laptop' and/or 'tablet' were recorded as stolen and the offence was that of Robbery (which suggests that a person steals property and 'immediately before or at the time of doing so, they use force on any person or puts or seeks to put any person in fear of being then and there subjected to force'). This will not specifically denote that a weapon is involved.
- Any of these searches can retrieve the police outcome and age of offender.

If any of these searches would still be useful, please submit a new FOI Request to foi@gloucestershire.police.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.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary