



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0307

On 15/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you tell me how many drivers in the below age groups have been involved in a car crash in the past five calendar years (1st Jan 2017- 31st Dec 2022)?

- 70-79 years old
- 80-89 years old
- 90-99 years old
- 100-109 years old

A crash could include, but is not limited to, collision with other vehicle(s), single vehicle crash, collision with pedestrians/cyclists etc. I do not need the type of crash to be distinguished in the information you provide.

For each age group, please divide the information by the number of crashes resulting in minor injuries, severe injuries, and death - and make this clear in the information provided. These can be injuries or deaths occurring to the driver or to another motorist/person.

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 an individual contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. If that incident is deemed to fall within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Given that most Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) will not fall within the Counting Rules for Recorded Crimes, the information you have requested will be held on the Incident Recording System. This system is largely free text and therefore its reporting function is limited.

The system does not record the ages of callers in a specific field within the Incident Records and therefore there is no way of searching for specific ages. In order to ascertain the information you have requested, all RTC Incident Records would need to be manually reviewed. Given that this would involve manually reviewing thousands of records per year,

this would clearly 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, it would be possible to search for any crimes recorded on the Crime Recording System, relevant to your request e.g. 4/4 – Cause death by Dangerous Driving. If this would be useful, please submit a new FOI Request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk stating which specific offences you are interested in from the [Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crimes](#).

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