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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0386

On 06/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request to access the following information please:

1. How many motorists were caught driving an uninsured vehicle in between January 2022 and 2023 year to date?
2. How many motorists were caught driving without a vehicle without a valid MOT between January 2022 and 2023 year to date?

In addition, please provide responses for both questions broken down by:

- a) How many drivers were given points on their licence for the above offences throughout this period
- b) Age of licence holder when points were incurred
- c) Region of licence holder's registered address when points were incurred

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

Unfortunately, there is no way of electronically searching for the information you have requested.

Although it's possible to retrieve information about individual instances of drivers being caught driving an uninsured vehicle or a vehicle without a valid MOT, it's not possible to retrieve statistics. This is because there is no one system that keeps the records and thousands of records would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain the specific information.

This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 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.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

The Criminal Justice Department of the Constabulary has suggested that the information you require may be held by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) or HM Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS). Details of their FOI processes can be found [here](#).

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