



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0426 & 0430

On 18/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

2023.0426

1. Since 2013, how many Scrap Metal Dealers were prosecuted for operating without a licence? Please differentiate between site licenses and mobile collector's licences.
2. Since 2013, how many Scrap Metal Dealers were convicted for operating without a licence? Please differentiate between site licenses and mobile collector's licences.
3. Since 2013, how many Scrap Metal Dealers were prosecuted for paying cash for scrap? Please differentiate between site licenses and mobile collector's licences.
4. Since 2013, how many Scrap Metal Dealers were convicted for paying cash for scrap? Please differentiate between site licenses and mobile collector's licences.

2023.0430

1. Since 2013, how many Scrap Metal Dealers were charged for operating without a licence? Please differentiate between site licences and mobile collector's licences.
2. Since 2013, how many Scrap Metal Dealers were charged for paying cash for scrap? Please differentiate between site licences and mobile collector's licences.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

I can confirm that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

In order to assist, I can confirm that a search has been carried out for any of the following offences that were recorded from 01/01/2013 – 31/03/2023:

- 195/34 - SM13001 - Carry on business as a scrap metal dealer without a licence
- 195/34 - SM13016 - Scrap metal dealer make payment for scrap metal other than by cheque / electronic transfer
- 195/34 - SM13017 - Make payment for scrap metal other than by cheque / electronic transfer - site manager
- 195/34 - SM13018 - Make payment for scrap metal other than by cheque / electronic transfer when acting for scrap metal dealer

This resulted in 2 x carry on business as a scrap metal dealer without a licence offences being recorded in the timescale requested, which both resulted in a charge.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

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