



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0461

On 26/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act.

1. How many reports of robbery, theft, attempted robbery and attempted theft, did you receive between 1/1/2022 - 31/12/2022 where the suspect was reported to be riding an E-bike or E-scooter?
 - a. In how many of these incidents was a mobile phone taken or attempted to be taken?
 - b. In how many of these incidents was a watch taken or attempted to be taken?
 - c. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the incidents reported.
2. How many reports of robbery, theft, attempted robbery and attempted theft, did you receive between 1/1/2019 - 31/12/2019 where the suspect was reported to be riding an E-bike or E-scooter?
 - a. In how many of these incidents was a mobile phone taken or attempted to be taken?
 - b. In how many of these incidents was a watch taken or attempted to be taken?
 - c. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the incidents reported.

I can confirm I would be happy for you to conduct a keyword search of the offences for 'e-bike', 'e-scooter', 'lime bike', 'lime scooter' in order to obtain this information as accurately as is possible.

I can confirm I would be happy for you to then conduct a keyword search of these offences for 'watch' and 'mobile phone' if necessary.

If you are able to provide specific details about any of the reports, such as where it took place and whether a knife was used, I would be very grateful.

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

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.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of the Crime Recording System for any Theft or Robbery offences recorded from 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019 and 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022 whereby any of the terms 'e-bike', 'e-scooter', 'lime bike' or 'lime scooter' were included in the MO.

The resulting crimes have been reviewed to ascertain just those whereby an e-bike/e-scooter was used in the commission of the offence rather than whereby such a bike/scooter was stolen.

The results were just 2 crimes of Theft in the 2022 calendar year. Neither of these thefts involved a watch or mobile phone.

Given the very low number of crimes recorded, to provide any further detail surrounding these crimes would likely identify individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 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.

With regard to the disclosure of any further information, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

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

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