



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0554

On 18/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am currently researching the police response to illegal exhausts on vehicles, that is to say ones that have been modified to be louder than their original manufacture and thus breaching the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 s 54(2).

Below is a link to a video to help you understand the sort of offence I am referring to.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jH9dzTCT-k>

Clearly there are two potential scenarios where the register keeper is known and unknown when the VRM is supplied.

1. I would appreciate just a brief explanation as to what action the police would take if a member of the public called 101 with the VRM, reporting it for an illegal exhaust.
2. Does your Chief Constable agree that such illegal exhausts may frighten horses putting lives and property at risk?

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

1. I can confirm that the Constabulary has no recorded information specifically relating to the scenario you have detailed above.
2. Unfortunately, this question does not fulfil the criteria of S8(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act as it is not asking for recorded information but instead, for an opinion.

In order to make this question valid under the Freedom of Information Act, the question would need to ask for recorded information.

I have contacted the Chief Officer Group to ascertain if it is possible to search for any recorded information relating Chief Constable Hansen commenting on this scenario previously and they have confirmed that there is no way of electronically searching for such information.

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