



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0594

On 02/06/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the freedom of information act 2000 please can I request the below information for my research: Please note the name for this request is Jake Smith.

How many offences and/or tickets were recorded in the years 2021 and 2022 for number plate (vehicle registration marks) mis-space and/or registrations which do not conform to legality?

How many reports for the years 2021 and 2022 were recorded for the cloning of vehicle registration marks?

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested in relation to how many reports were recorded for the cloning of vehicle registration marks for the years of 2021 and 2022. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of thousands of incidents would be required. Please be advised that we record approximately 500 incidents per day, which would take 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

A search has been conducted on the relevant systems for the number of offences and/or tickets which were recorded for vehicle registration marks which are mis-spaced and/or do not conform to legality for the dates of 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2023, the results have been broken down by year:

Year	Total
2021	1266
2022	259

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.