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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023-0758

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

On 26/07/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Would it be possible to disclose the following information each month between January 2018 and July 1st 2023?

1. How many collisions involving e scooters were recorded by your force?
2. How many collisions included only one e scooter with no other vehicles involved in the collision?
3. How many casualties were there in collisions involving e scooters?
4. Of all casualties in collisions involving e scooters – how many were e scooter riders?
5. How many people have been killed in collisions involving e scooters? How many killed were the riders?
6. How many people were seriously injured in collisions involving e scooters? How many were the riders?
7. How many people were slightly injured in collisions involving e scooters? How many were the riders?

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested in connection with question 2.

The information that is statistically available relating to Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) is limited. This is because RTCs are recorded on the Incident Recording System, which is

largely a free text system, apart from certain tags that can be applied along with specific opening and closure codes.

Although the number of RTCs recorded can be retrieved from the Incident Recording System, in order to ascertain how many may have involved one e-scooter/no other vehicles, would require a manual review of the data.

Given that this would involve manually reviewing thousands of records, 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.

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.

1. 37 RTCs found with an E-scooter involved.
3. 26
4. 20
5. Nil
6. 3 moderately or very serious. 2 were riders/drivers.
7. 32 less serious or slight. 25 were riders/drivers.

Section 16 – unable to assist

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.

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.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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