



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_23_0846

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Date: 18/09/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0846

On 22/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am getting in touch to request information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to children injured in e scooter collisions.

Please can you tell me:

1. The number of collisions involving e scooters in 2021; 2022 and so far this year.
2. The number of under 18s injured in collisions involving e scooters in 2021; 2022 and so far this year.
3. Where possible, please give brief details of injuries sustained ie slight, serious, head injuries etc?

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.

I can confirm that Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) are recorded on the Incident Recording System. This system is largely free text and therefore it's reporting function is limited. Although the system has several Closure Codes relating to RTCs, there is no way of narrowing down a search specifically for e scooters. As such, many hundreds, if not thousands of RTC Incidents would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain if they involved an e scooter. This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the 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.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I can confirm that injury collision information can be searched, for those collisions involving e scooters. If just injury collision information would still be useful, please submit a new FOI Request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk .

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
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary