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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0886

On 03/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Statistics about Operation SNAP (dash cam footage) for the last 12 months.
If the statistics are available weekly, monthly or quarterly, then please break them down on your internal reporting basis.

How many reports have been made to Operation SNAP?
How many reports have resulted in a prosecution, fixed penalty or notice of intended prosecution?
Numbers of each type of offence that has led to a prosecution.
How many have involved foreign vehicles?
How many foreign drivers of foreign vehicles have been prosecuted, etc.?
For those that have been marked for "No further action", a breakdown of the reasons for the NFA.
How many victims have been contacted proactively by the police to inform them of the outcome of their report?

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 regards to a breakdown reasons for those which have been marked for No Further Action (NFA). The NFA breakdown reasons are not recorded in a way to provide as statistics, in order to identify and retrieve this information it would require a manual review of over 430 reports to establish the NFA reason. A manual review would take 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.

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.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that the request has been sent to the relevant department who has been able to provide information from 01/01/2023 – 11/09/2023 regarding Operation Snap.

There is no information held regarding how many of the reports have involved foreign vehicles and the number of foreign drivers of the foreign vehicles which have received prosecutions, Fixed Penalty or a Notice of Intended Prosecution.

There are no victims to contact with the outcome of their report.

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I can confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following from 01/01/2023 – 11/09/2023:

How many reports have been made to Operation SNAP?

How many reports have resulted in a prosecution, fixed penalty or notice of intended prosecution?

Numbers of each type of offence that has led to a prosecution.

If this information would be useful to you, you can submit a new request with the above questions.

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 –

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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