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Our reference: FOI_23_0918
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Date: 16/10/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0918

On 18/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please could you provide statistics for the number of people charged for drink-driving from 1 September 2022 to 1 September 2023?
2. What is the breakdown of these figures according to (a) occupation, (b) sex, (c) age?

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.

Although the crime/case recording system has an occupation field, it is a non-mandatory field and is overwritten each time it is updated. Therefore there is no way of accurately retrieving occupation data.

A search could be conducted for statistics relating to an offence, which retrieves the occupation recorded for the offender, however, this will only show the current information from the occupation field. This information may not be up to date or could have been overwritten since the recording of the offence.

In order to ascertain accurate occupation information for the individuals who were charged with drink-driving offences for the time period specified above, all 453 records would need to be manually reviewed. This 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.

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm the following 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.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of the Arrest Recording System from 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023, whereby the end result of the detention was a charge and at least one of the following offences was linked to the custody record:

RT88339 - Drive whilst unfit through drink

RT88347 - In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink

RT88343 - Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink

RT88007 - Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit

RT88008 - In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit

RT88326 - Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit

The result was 453 detentions. Please note that as this is a count of detentions, there could potentially be some individuals that have been detained more than once.

Age Group	Total
13 - 17	1
18 - 24	62
25 - 34	133
35 - 44	118
45 - 54	90
55 - 64	34
65 +	15
Total	453

Sex	Total
F	81
M	372
Total	453

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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