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Our reference: FOI_2023.0950

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Date: 24/10/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0950

On 26/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. For context, we buy and sell private number plates, so often offer information to our customers on number plate legality and only using plates that are entirely legal.

Please could you provide over email the answers to the following questions, with the understanding that we are requesting statistics from your area specifically:

1. Please provide a breakdown of number plate violations by type in your area by year?
2. How many people were caught for missing front number plates by year?
3. How many number plate violations were caught by cameras in 2022?
4. How many number plate violations were caught by officers in 2022?
5. How many reports of number plate cloning have there been this year?
6. How many reports of number plate theft have there been this year?

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

I can confirm the following information:

1. Breakdown of number plate violations by type for 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2022

Offence	2021	2022
Use a motor vehicle/trailer when the rear registration mark was not lit during darkness	1	5

Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with regulations	1129	232
Drive vehicle with no front registration plate – registered after 30/09/38	60	16
Drive vehicle/vehicle and trailer no rear registration plate – registered after 30/09/38	30	7
Keep vehicle no rear registration plate – registration after 30/09/38	1	1
Drive a vehicle with registration mark obscured. Indistinguishable	46	5
Total	1267	266

2. A breakdown for number of people caught with a missing front number plate

2021	2022
60	16

3. zero (0)

4. 266

5. A search of the crime recording system for substantiated crime between 01/01/2023 – 26/09/2023 for the offences under the Home Office Code (814/03):

- Fraudulently allow to be used a registration mark / registration document
- Fraudulently alter a registration mark / registration document
- Fraudulently loan a registration mark / registration document
- Fraudulently use a registration mark / registration document

This has returned Zero (0) result.

6. A search of the crime recording system for theft offences between 01/01/2023 – 26/09/2023 whereby the property item has been recorded as 'Vehicle accessory part [number plate]' this has returned a Zero (0) result.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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