



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1026

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Date: 15/11/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1026

On 19/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act on operational vehicles.

1. How many of your force's currently operational vehicles are over five years old?
2. How many of your force's currently operational vehicles are over 10 years old?
3. What is your force's oldest operational vehicle?
4. How many currently operational vehicles does your force possess?
5. How many of your force's vehicles broke down for each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023?

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

Following receipt of your request, enquiries were made with the appropriate area of the organisation.

Unfortunately there is no central register for information relating to vehicles breaking down, and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. In order to identify the number of vehicles that have broken down during the years listed, a manual review of the system used to manage the fleet would need to be conducted. It has been estimated that this part of the request would far exceed the permitted time constraints, therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

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, and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. I 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. 65 operational vehicles are over 5 years old
2. 14 operational vehicles are over 10 years old
3. The oldest operational vehicle was registered in March 2008
4. Gloucestershire Constabulary are currently running 291 operational vehicles

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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