



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1132

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1132

On 22/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you please share with me the number of speeding tickets your force issued in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date (up to the end of October) in the following speed categories:

21-25 mph
26-30 mph
31-35 mph
36-40 mph
41-50 mph
51-60 mph
61-70 mph
71-80mph
81-90mph
91-100 mph
100+ mph

In each speed category could you please also provide the age range of offenders, the median age of offender and the proportion of offenders who are men and women.

And in each year could you also please supply the slowest and fastest single speed for which a ticket was given.

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

Whilst there is a system for recording the number of speeding tickets issued, unfortunately there is no central register for age or gender data and no way to retrieve the information by

way of electronic searches. The only way to provide a definite response is to manually review all relevant records, and as this would involve reviewing thousands of records this would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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.

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 confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

The system used for recording speed offences only holds data for the current year and the previous calendar year, i.e. all of 2022 and 2023 to date.

We are able to provide a breakdown of the speeds recorded in the categories listed, and also the slowest and fastest speed for which a ticket was issued.

If this would be useful, you can submit a new request on this basis.

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,

Disclosure Officer
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