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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1206

On 18/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. The total number of car accidents (specifically involving cars, motorcyclists and cyclists, but not pedestrians) that happened between 1 December 2022 to 1 December 2023.
2. The causes of these accidents, such as speeding, drink-driving or icy roads etc.
3. The number of accidents in which those involved suffered injuries

Please break this data down for each month of the year.

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.

When a member of the public contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an Incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. If it's then deemed to fall within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crimes, a Crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

As Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) do not normally fall within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crimes, they are recorded on the Incident Recording System. Unfortunately, this system is largely free text and therefore it's reporting function is limited. There are several opening and result codes that can be applied to Incident Records that relate to RTCs, however to retrieve statistics relating to non-pedestrian RTCs and the causes of the collisions, a manual review of all RTC incidents would be required. Given

that the Constabulary records many hundreds of RTCs each year, this would clearly take far 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.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, it's possible to electronically retrieve the information for question 3. If just this information would still be useful, please submit a new FOI Request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk

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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