



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0122

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Date: 22/02/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0122

On 29/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The total number of drivers caught exceeding the speed limit in your force area, broken down by year for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
2. The number of drivers caught exceeding the speed limit in your force area, broken down by speed limit, broken down by year for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
3. The total number of drivers caught exceeding the speed limit in your force area, broken down by age and for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

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

Whilst it is possible to electronically retrieve the number of Notices of Intended Prosecutions (NIP) issued for speeding offences and provide a breakdown of the speed limit exceeded, it is not possible to electronically identify the age of the offender. The only way to retrieve this is to manually review each record to determine even if the age is recorded. As the total number of NIPs for each year runs into the tens of thousands of records, a manual review would far exceed 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 this part of your request.

Providing information outside of the Act

By way of assistance 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.

Speed Limits	Totals				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
20	57	45	354	1045	1003
30	9469	9871	15532	15912	17488
40	3538	2950	6625	5312	3136
50	7289	2423	3476	5609	5279
60	2771	2127	2666	2999	4516
70	8332	7378	5175	5803	14926
Total	31456	24794	33828	36680	46348

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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