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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0143**

On 02/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request made under FOI rules for information about the numbers of roadside drug driving and breathalyser tests performed by your force's officers.

Please tell me:

- 1) How many traffic stops were made each year from 2015 to 2023 on suspicion of drunk or drugged driving?
- 2) How many roadside drug driving tests your officers performed each year from 2015 to present
- 3) How many of those tests (per year) were positive
- 4) How many of those tests (per year) led to a prosecution
- 5) How many roadside breathalyser tests have your officers performed each year from 2015 to present
- 6) How many of those tests (per year) were positive
- 7) How many of those tests (per year) led to a prosecution
- 8) How many dedicated traffic officers does your police force employ now, and how many did it employ in 2015 and 2010.

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

Following receipt of your request, enquiries were made with the appropriate area of the organisation. Whilst stops conducted as part of a campaign, such as the Christmas drink/drug driving campaign are recorded statistically, ad-hoc traffic stops are not, and as such, any information that may be held recorded is not held in a format that would allow extraction within the permitted time constraints. To provide a definitive response would require all officers and staff to search departmental records and Officer Pocket Note Books

to establish if any relevant information is held. Even by narrowing this request down to the most likely department to potentially hold this information, we have 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.

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:

A search of the Arrest Recording System for all records where the reason for arrest is Drink/Drug driving – please note that the reason for arrest code is “Drink/Drug driving” and the data cannot be electronically separated to identify the true reason for the arrest i.e. drink or drugs, meaning that a manual review would be required and Section 12 of the Act is likely to be engaged.

A search of Case data for the offences of:

- Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit
- In charge of a motor vehicle with proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit

- Attempt to drive a motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit
- Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drugs
- Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs
- In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drugs
- Cause death by driving without due care / consideration while over specified limit - specified controlled drug
- Drive whilst unfit through drink
- In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink
- Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink
- Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit
- Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit
- In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit
- Cause death by driving without due care and attention / reasonable consideration while unfit through drink
- Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver
- Fail to provide specimen - person in charge of vehicle

From this data set, we are able to provide the recorded outcomes, but we cannot electronically link these records to any associated Arrest records.

It is possible to provide the number of positive breath tests and, separately, the number of drug wipes that have been recorded. Again, please note that this data cannot be linked to arrest or case data.

If any of the alternative searches would be suitable, you can submit a new request.

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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