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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0182

On 12/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

If you don't mind, please can I be informed of the following things.

1. Arrest numbers for drink and drug drive in 2022
2. Arrest numbers for drink and drug drive in 2021
3. Arrest numbers for drink and drug drive in 2015
4. Arrest numbers for drink and drug drive in 2010

The next request I understand might be more tricky, but I would appreciate if you can help me out.

5. When a 999 call comes in about a possible drink or drug driver, how many times was a unit sent to the incident. Instead of an observation message being passed.

Please can you inform of the above for the year 2022.

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we

endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific offences under the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded crimes; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories.

The only RFA Categories relevant to your request are joint drink/drug drive RFAs.

The results of a search for the number of arrests for these RFAs for the time periods specified are as follows:

Year	Total
2010	661
2015	693
2021	1032
2022	1117

A separate search has been conducted for the number of incidents recorded from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022, whereby the source was 999, the Opening code was 'Suspect drunk in charge' and the incident was attended by at least one police resource. The result was 367 incidents.

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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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