



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0296

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0296

On 11/03/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. May I ask for the number of RTC's in Bourton on the Water (Roads within a 1 mile radius of the village centre, postcode GL54 2AP) that have involved a Car within the last 8 years
2. May I ask for the number of RTC's in Bourton on the Water (Roads within a 1 mile radius of the village centre, postcode GL54 2AP) that have involved a Coach within the last 8 years.

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

I can confirm that road traffic collisions (RTC) are recorded on our Incident Recording System. This system is largely free text and therefore its reporting function is limited. There is no way of retrieving information for a specific radius of a specific postcode.

In order to try and retrieve any relevant information a search has been done for all substantiated incidents between the recorded date ranges of 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2023 to include all of the road traffic collision result codes. These have then been filtered to only show incidents within the location of Bourton on the Water. This has resulted in 1315 incidents however, in order to ascertain the type of vehicle involved this would require a manual review of every incident and would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed.

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.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale.

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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