



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_24_0514
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Date: 10/06/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0514

On 10/05/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

I am requesting a breakdown of the number of incidences of tool and equipment thefts from vans reported to your police force and the value of the stolen tools and equipment. I am requesting figures for the past year (2023).

In particular, can you provide me with:

1. The total number of reported thefts of tools and equipment from vans in 2023.
2. The total value of tools and equipment reported to have been stolen from vans in 2023.

If you can identify any way that my request could be refined to improve the request, I would be grateful for any assistance

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information requested.

There is no specific field relating the vehicles which the items were stolen from. As such, in order to ascertain the number of crimes which specifically involved vans as the focus of the theft from vehicle offences this would involve a manual review of thousands of crimes.

this manual review would take far longer than the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of 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 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 but still provide meaningful information.

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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Wycliffe House

Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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