



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0578

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0578

On 12/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many incidents were your police force's vehicles involved in between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2023?
2. How much money has your police force spent repairing its vehicles following these incidents?
3. How much of this money, if any, has your police force recovered through insurance policies?
4. How much of this money, if any, has your police force recovered through an uninsured loss recovery (ULR) programme?
5. Does your police force currently have an uninsured loss recovery (ULR) programme in place?

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

Whilst the Constabulary does record the money recovered, we do not record the specific programme through which it was recovered. In order to provide you with the answer to question 4, a manual review of every applicable claim would be required in order to ascertain if the money was recovered through a ULR programme. It has been estimated that this would take longer than 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 your request.

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. 818 incidents
2. £685,775.50
3. £210,280.05
5. Yes – through our insurers

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
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Yours sincerely,

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