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Our reference: FOI_24_0599
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Date: 16/07/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0599

On 18/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide the following:

1. How many hit and run incidents has the force recorded in the last three years [between April 6- April 5 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/23]?
- 1a) Of those, how many resulted in casualties and what was the severity of the casualty?
- 1b) Of those, how many incidents where the driver was uninsured?
- 1c) Of those, how many resulted in a prosecution or other police course of action? Can you specify which?

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

There is no specific offences for Hit and Run Incidents.

I can confirm that when a member of the public contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an Incident will be recorded on the Incident Recording System. If it's then deemed to fall within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime, a Crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Given that most Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) will not amount to a crime under the Home Office Counting rules, the majority of the information you seek will be contained within the Incident Recording System.

This system is largely free text and therefore it's reporting function is limited. There are opening and closing codes for each incident, which include several relating to RTCs.

However, most of the other information contained within each record is free text, including the location.

As such, although it's possible to retrieve the number of incidents that had either an opening or closing code relating to an RTC, it's not possible to provide the other information requested within the 18 hours 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.

Under Section 16 duty to assist, a search can be conducted for offences of the following:
Driver of a vehicle fail to stop after a road accident

Driver of a vehicle fail to stop after road accident - give name and address of self and owner / vehicle details

Driver of a vehicle involved in a road accident fail to report that accident

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary