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Our reference: FOI_24_0610

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Date: 11/07/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0610

On 25/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

How many submissions of driving offences have been submitted to the police force under the Operation SNAP initiative in the last three years (between April 6, 2021, and April 5, 2024)? Please provide the numbers for each year.

1. Can you provide a breakdown of the type of driving offences and the number of offences made within (April 6-April 5, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)] for each year submitted under Operation Snap?
2. Of those submissions under Operation SNAP, what roads/areas were subject to the most submissions, and what is the amount?
3. Of those offences, what was the gender and age of the alleged offender reported under Operation SNAP?

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

Although the information may be submitted via the Op Snap portal, Gloucestershire Constabulary does not collate the details of locations/road type nor the age or gender of alleged offenders. The only way, therefore, to determine if this information is held would be to manually review all Op Snap submissions. As this would involve the review of over a thousand records, this would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

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

Operation Snap has been running in Gloucestershire since November 2022. As such, there is no relevant data held by the constabulary before this date. Please see below the data held by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Year	No. of Submissions
06/04/2021 – 05/04/2022	Nil
06/04/2022 – 05/04/2023	227
06/04/2023 – 05/04/2024	1070

Prior to 2024, details of the offence type were not held. The data below is for the period of 01/01/2024 – 05/04/2024

Offence type	Total
Breach of local order	1
Drive in bus lane	2
Construction and use	10
Dangerous driving	2
Careless/inconsiderate driving	126

Fail to comply section 36 sign	136
Drive while using mobile device	29
No seatbelt	3
Not in proper control	2
Fail to comply red traffic signal	26
Speed/document offences	4
Parking	2
Collisions	2
Not applicable matters	7

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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Yours sincerely,

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