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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0669

On 16/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act

This request concerns the number of arrests and charges recorded for drink and drug driving by your force.

1. Please state the number of arrests made by your force on suspicion of

Drink driving

Drug driving

In each of the following calendar years

i) 2018

ii) 2019

iii) 2020

iv) 2021

v) 2022

vi) 2023

vii) 2024

2. Of the arrests in each year, please state the number which led to a charge. Please provide a breakdown, if held and retrievable within the FOIA cost limit, what offence was charged.

3. Please provide a copy of the redacted free text summary of the details of the arrest held in the force's crime reporting information system for drink and drug driving cases recorded by your force between July 1st and July 15th 2024.

Clarification was sent on 18/07/2024 advising that we do not have a Reason for Arrest (RFA) separately for Drink Drive and Drug Drive, we use a RFA of Drink/Drug Drive.

Advised that alternatively, we can do a search for the number of people who have been

charged with Drink Driving and Drug Driving offences separately and if you can advise what you would like a search to be conducted for.

A response was received on 29/07/2024 asking if we can provide the number of people who have been charged with Drink Driving and Drug Driving offences separately.

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's recording systems has been carried out to identify the number of records where a Drink-Driving and Drug-Driving offences have been recorded and the outcomes is that of Charge and Postal Charge, between 01/01/2018 and 15/07/2024.

Please see the tables below for the number of people who have been charged for Drink-Driving and Drug-Driving.

Year	Drink-Drive Offences	Drug-Drive Offences
2018	250	74
2019	450	176
2020	402	328
2021	381	275
2022	461	282
2023	508	288
2024	213	36
Total	2665	1459

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

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Yours sincerely,

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