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Our reference: FOI_24_0686

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0686

On 23/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

How many crimes have been recorded that mentioned “electric bike”, “e-bike”, “electric scooter”, or “e-scooter” in each of the years 2023/24, 2022/3, 2021/2, 2020/21 and 2019/20?

For each year, could you please provide the total number of recorded crimes and a breakdown by crime category?

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 the Crime Recording System has been conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/04/2019 – 31/03/2024. A filter has then been applied which had MO freetext containing any of the following terms “electric bike”, “e-bike”, “electric scooter” or “e-scooter”. The results are as follows:

Offence Group	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Total
Arson and criminal damage	1	6	11	4	6	28
Burglary	4	12	12	19	27	74
Drug offences	0	0	4	3	1	8
Miscellaneous crimes against society	0	0	0	0	1	1
Possession of weapons	0	0	2	1	0	3
Public Order	1	2	12	11	6	32
Robbery	0	5	6	6	12	29
Theft	13	25	29	62	69	198
Vehicle offences	0	5	4	5	7	21
Violence against the person	0	8	18	17	10	53
Total	19	63	98	128	139	447

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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Yours sincerely,

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