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Our reference: FOI_24_0687
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Date: 20/08/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0687

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

I am writing to you Under The Freedom of Information Act 2000, to ask if you could you kindly answer the following questions relating to traffic offences, cycling and road use:

- 1) Between 1st July 2023 and 1st July 2024, the number of reported road incidents where a cyclist was injured
- 2) Between 1st July 2023 and 1st July 2024, the number of reported incidents where a cyclist was physically or verbally assaulted by a pedestrian or another road user
- 3) The number of reported bike thefts between 1st July 2023 and 1st July 2024
- 4) If reported as such, the street/area where the these offences were most likely to occur
- 5) If these have risen or fallen year on year

If it would be possible to receive this in an CSV or spreadsheet format that would be fantastic.

Thank you for considering this request. Should any of this fall outside of the scope of the Act or costing, please could you prioritise the request from 1 - 5 in descending order of priority, as I would be happy to receive an incomplete answer, if needed.

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested in relation to road and traffic incidents recorded where a cyclist was injured and physically or verbally assaulted by a pedestrian or another road users. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information, a manual review of all road and traffic related incidents would be required. This manual review would exceed the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the 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, I can confirm that we can provide information with regards to questions 3-5, if this would be suitable,

If this would assist please re-submit the request omitting questions 1&2.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary