



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0849

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Date: 27/09/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0849

On 17/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to make a request regarding information on uninsured drivers in your area.

Specifically, I'd like to request information on the following:

1. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?
2. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?
3. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?
4. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?

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

In order to ascertain if an uninsured driver was involved in an accident would require a manually review of all incidents for the time period requested above. For the period of 01/01/2024 – 20/08/2024 there are 1,685 incidents where the closure code contains "RTC". To review just this period alone, would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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, if you resubmit your request with the removal of questions 3 and 4, we may be able to provide some data. If you wish to submit a new FOI request on this basis, please email foi@gloucestershire.police.uk.

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