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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0871

On 23/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dear Gloucestershire Constabulary,

Please could I request an updated version of the table provided in response to the FOI shown in response to FOI 2023.1125 here;

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Foperation_snap_submissions_and_o%23incoming-2525931&data=05%7C02%7CFreedom.Information%40gloucestershire.police.uk%7Ca62d377e8bd640981ed608dcdbb7f1c0%7Cd4936c562d8640769ba6ea6bfd965203%7C0%7C0%7C638626830297554801%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oC1%2FvXCfkAm0bl9x6Cm5tGOsamSLU8jVOnze9PF2ITY%3D&reserved=0

The previous response showed incredibly low rates of further action within Operation Snap compared to other forces. The constabulary has recently re-publicised in national media that the initiative is being pursued, and the purpose of this FOI is to understand if rates of action have increased in Gloucestershire. An FOI is required as, unlike other police forces, Gloucestershire does not routinely publish Operation Snap outcomes statistics. Data in the previous FOI suggests that most submissions were not pursued, and it is in the public interest to understand if this has changed given statements made to the public.

Please could this be supplied for the time period April 2024 - July 2024 inclusive.

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information requested regarding the rationale for the No Further Action (NFA's). In order to identify and retrieve the requested information, a manual review of 297 NFA records to ascertain the decision for the NFA.

'At the time of the incident I was' is a very similar type of the submitter and there are a few vehicle submissions where the witness is a passenger rather than the driver hence this is quantified as vehicle not driver/passenger. To break this down further requires a manual review of every submission from vehicles which will exceed the 18 hours.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

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.

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

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 your request has been sent to the relevant department who has confirmed the following:

Op Snap Submissions 2024

Month 2024	Number of submissions	Vehicle	Cyclist	Pedestrian	Equestrian	Static camera
April	101	74	22	0	0	5
May	100	74	24	0	0	2
June	125	92	30	2	0	1
July	143	103	37	0	0	3
Total	469	348	113	2	0	11

April 2024 outcomes

Type	FPN	Court	Education	Fine & Points	NFA	In progress	Cancel
Vehicle	0	7	17	0	49	0	1
Cyclist	0	2	5	1	14	0	0
Pedestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Static	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	12	22	2	63	0	2

May 2024 outcomes

Type	FPN	Court	Education	Fine & Points	NFA	In progress	Cancel
Vehicle	0	11	12	10	40	0	1
Cyclist	0	5	7	2	10	0	0
Pedestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Equestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Static	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	0	16	21	12	50	0	1

June 2024 outcomes

Type	FPN	Court	Education	Fine & Points	NFA	In progress	Cancel
Vehicle	0	8	8	2	69	4	1
Cyclist	0	0	4	3	20	3	0
Pedestrian	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Equestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Static	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	9	12	5	91	7	1

July 2024 outcomes

Type	FPN	Court	Education	Fine & Points	NFA	In progress	Cancel
Vehicle	0	15	6	2	69	9	2
Cyclist	0	4	1	1	23	8	0
Pedestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Static	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Total	0	20	8	3	93	17	2

From April 2024 to July 2024 464 of the 469 submission were responded to by email informing them of the outcome.

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,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary