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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_XXX

On 28/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I write to request:

1. Where possible, the annual number of reported incidents of dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).
2. Where possible, the annual number of cautions, fines or prosecutions given to cyclists for dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).
3. Where possible, the annual number of cautions, fines or prosecutions given to cyclists for cycling on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).

When I refer to pedestrianised areas I mean areas designated for pedestrians only and areas where access is shared between pedestrians and bikes. This will include footways, footpaths, bridleways, towpaths and any other public right of way.

If you are able to provide specific details about any of the reports, such as where it took place, I would be very grateful.

Under the terms of the freedom of information act, I'm expecting a copy of this information within 20 working days.

If any further clarification is required about this request please do contact me as soon as it arises.

Please provide an email receipt acknowledging this request

Clarification was sent on 01/11/2024 to the applicant to ask what specific legislation and which specific offences you required a search to be conducted for.

A response to the clarification was received on 01/11/2024 asking for the following sections of specific acts.

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988

Section 28 – Dangerous Cycling

Section 29 – Careless Cycling

The offence of wanton and furious driving

Under [section 35 OAPA 1861](#). Committed when bodily harm is caused to any person as a result of the manner of driving (including bicycles).

Cycling on the pavement

Section 72 of the Highway Act 1835. Section 72 of the Highway Act 1835 prohibits “wilfully riding” on footpaths.

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, initial searches of offences recorded between 01/01/2018 – 28/10/2024 of
Dangerous Cycling

Ride a cycle on a road/bridle way/ footpath without due care and attention

Ride a cycle on a road/bridle way/ footpath without reasonable consideration for others

Ride a pedal cycle on a footpath/ causeway by the side of a road made/ set apart for the use of foot passengers

Cause bodily harm by wanton/furious driving.

In an amalgamated response:

4 offences have been recorded
4 charges have been issued

The information has been amalgamated due to the low numbers and to avoid any identification of the individuals.

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.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 –

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