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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1055

On 25/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding motorists who have been arrested over the festive period during the past five years (2019 to 2023). Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

1. The Number of Arrests

The total number of motorists arrested on:

- a) Christmas Eve
- b) Christmas Day
- c) Boxing Day
- d) New Year's Eve
- e) New Year's Day

2. Details of Arrests

The offences for which they were arrested, including but not limited to:

- a) Speeding
- b) Drink driving
- c) Drug driving
- d) Dangerous or reckless driving
- e) Other motoring offences

3. Severity of the Incidents

The context or severity of each incident, such as:

- a) Whether the driver was pulled over or involved in an accident
- b) What the driver was driving or riding
- c) If there were any fatalities or injuries, and the severity of these outcomes

4. Demographic Information

The age and gender of:

- a) The perpetrators (arrested motorists)
- b) Any victims involved (where applicable)

5. Incident Summaries

- a) If feasible, I would like to request a brief description of the incidents.

On 03/12/2023 we requested clarification, we advised the below:

“We may be able to pull some data for question 1 and 2 however please note that we have one combined reason for arrest (RFA) for drink / drug driving. The only way we are able to split this out would be a manual review of these records, which could engage Section 12.

For question 3 we are unable to get this information from Arrest data, if there is anything recorded it would be on the Crash database however, the data that we can get from Crash is very limited. We are able to provide the severity of each incident however, we are not able to provide information as to whether the driver was pulled over. We do record vehicles however, would not be able to differentiate between the victim / offenders vehicles – it would just be vehicles involved as a whole.

Question 4 – For those incidents where there has been a collision recorded we may be able to get this from our Crash data but again this will just be for the people involved and not separated out into victim / offenders.

To confirm:

Q1 and 2 - We can search our Arrest Recording system for the dates requested for our RFA's however, we cannot separate drink / drugs as it one reason for arrests. Can you confirm if you are happy for us to do this search with no breakdown of the drink / drugs?

Question 3 – This will be from Crash data and will not be linked to arrests and will be for collisions only (not whether the driver was pulled over)

Can you confirm if you would like us to search the crash data for:

- b) Vehicles involved (not able to breakdown)
- c) Severity of the incident

Question 4 – This will also be from our crash data and again will not be broken down by victim / offender will just be age / gender of everyone involved. Please confirm if you are happy with this search?”

You confirmed you were happy with the above searches.

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.

For question 1 and 2, I can confirm a search has been conducted of our Arrest Recording system for all detentions recorded for the dates above for the driving offences requested.

Drink/Drug Driving	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Christmas Eve	3	3	7	2	5
Christmas Day	1	4	5	4	4
Boxing Day	1	1	2	3	5
New Year's Eve	3	5	5	4	3
New Year's Day	8	5	4	5	6

Dangerous Driving	2022	2023
Christmas Day	0	1
Boxing Day	1	0

All other driving offences	2021
Christmas Day	1

For question 3 and 4 below I can confirm the data has been pulled from our Crash system. This data is not linked to any arrests and is for those incidents where there has been a collision recorded on the dates requested. Please note we are not able to break this data down by offender / victim.

Question 3.

Vehicles Involved					
	24/12/2019 - 01/01/2020	24/12/2020 - 01/01/2021	24/12/2021 - 01/01/2022	24/12/2022 - 01/01/2023	24/12/2023 - 01/01/2024
Car	7	4	1	11	15
Motorbike	1	0	0	3	1
Pedal bike	0	2	1	1	4
Pedestrian	0	0	0	2	1
Unknown	0	0	0	2	3
Van	1	1	0	0	0
Total	9	7	2	19	24

Severity of the Incident					
	24/12/2019 - 01/01/2020	24/12/2020 - 01/01/2021	24/12/2021 - 01/01/2022	24/12/2022 - 01/01/2023	24/12/2023 - 01/01/2024
Driver - Slight	6	4	0	5	7
Driver - Less Serious	0	0	1	2	4
Passenger - Less Serious	1	0	0	0	0
Passenger - Slight	1	0	0	3	2
Pedestrian - Slight	0	0	0	2	0
Pedestrian - Very serious	0	0	0	0	1
Total	8	4	1	12	14

Question 4.

Age					
	24/12/2019 - 01/01/2020	24/12/2020 - 01/01/2021	24/12/2021 - 01/01/2022	24/12/2022 - 01/01/2023	24/12/2023 - 01/01/2024
1	0	0	0	1	0
5	0	0	0	1	0
17	0	0	0	0	2
18	0	1	0	0	2
19	2	0	0	1	0
20	0	0	0	1	2
21	1	0	0	0	2
22	1	0	0	0	1
23	1	0	0	1	0
24	1	0	0	0	0
25	2	0	0	1	1
26	0	0	0	1	0
27	0	1	0	1	0
29	0	0	0	1	1

30	0	1	1	0	0
34	0	0	0	0	1
35	1	0	0	1	0
36	0	0	0	1	0
37	0	0	1	0	0
39	0	0	0	1	0
41	0	0	0	1	0
42	0	1	0	0	0
45	0	1	0	0	1
49	0	0	0	1	0
50	0	0	0	0	1
53	0	0	0	0	2
54	0	1	0	0	2
56	0	0	0	0	1
57	0	1	0	1	0
59	0	0	0	1	0
64	1	0	0	0	0
74	0	0	0	0	1
80	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	1	3
Total	10	7	2	17	24

Gender					
	24/12/2019 - 01/01/2020	24/12/2020 - 01/01/2021	24/12/2021 - 01/01/2022	24/12/2022 - 01/01/2023	24/12/2023 - 01/01/2024
Female	2	2	1	5	10
Male	8	5	1	13	11
Unknown	0	0	0	2	3
Total	10	7	2	20	24

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

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Yours sincerely,

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