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Our reference: FOI_24_1078

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1075

On 28/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the FOI Act 2000, please provide me with the following:

The number of road traffic collisions involving e-scooters for the following periods:

November 1 2019 – October 31 2020

November 1 2020 – October 31 2021

November 1 2021 – October 31 2022

November 1 2022 – October 31 2023

November 1 2023 – October 31 2024

For each period, can you include the number of road traffic collisions involving e-scooters that resulted in injuries, and the number that resulted in one or more deaths.

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

Unfortunately there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. When an Individual contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. If that incident is then deemed to fall within the Home Office Crime Recording Rules, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System. The Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and does not record information in as much detail as the Crime Recording System and therefore its reporting function is limited. As such, the only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held, and to

retrieve that information, would be to manually review each incident where the result code is "RTC Death/Injury" or "RTC_Damage only (inc animal rtc)". An initial search of the incident recording system has been conducted to identify the number of records held for the most recent period stated in your request, November 1 2023 – October 31 2024. This has returned over 6,000 records. A review of the records found for just this period alone would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act, therefore a search and review of the incidents identified for the whole date range would obviously take far longer.

Please see below for suggestions on how you can 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.

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

A keyword search of the incidents could be conducted, although please be aware that this may not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be carried out, and may still be subject to the Section 12 refusal. If you wish for a keyword search to be carried out, please could you provide all of the terms/words/phrases you wish to be searched for.

Alternatively, separate collision statistics are collected only for those RTCs where an injury or death has occurred. This data set can be more easily searched for the data requested. Please note – if you would like a search of this data set to be carried out, the results will only answer the second part of your request.

If the above alternative searches would be of use to you, you can submit a new request to advise us how you wish to proceed.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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