



Your reference: N/A

Our reference: FOI_24_1083

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1083

On 28/12/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you let me know how many thefts from delivery drivers were reported in the years:

2023-24 (if available)

2022-23

2021-22

2020-21

2019-20

Could you please also let me know how many of these reports resulted in a charge?

Could you please also let me know how many of these charges resulted in a guilty verdict?

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

A search has been conducted for all theft offences, but unfortunately in order to ascertain whether they are specifically related to thefts from delivery drivers a manual review would need to be conducted as the constabulary is unable to identify the occupation of a victim from electronic searches of the crime records as the crime record is independent of the occupation field, which appears on the individual files. The occupation field is a non-mandatory free text field and may be updated each time an individual comes into contact with the police. A manual review of 10,599 crimes records would need to be conducted in order to ascertain whether the reports were relating to theft from delivery drivers. This

manual review would far exceed the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 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 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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