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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1118

On 11/12/2024 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 Request,

Please can you provide the following:

- 1.
- 2.
3. The number of drink driving offences recorded by the force in the last three years (broken
4. down by years between December 1st - November 31st 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)
- 5.
- 1a) Of those, how many were charged/summons (broken down by year)
- 1b) For the last year alone (December 1 2023 - November 31 2024) - can you break down the offences by age and gender of alleged offender and area the offence took place.

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 regarding the area where the offence took place between 01/12/2023 – 30/11/2024. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information, a manual review of over 519 cases would be required to ascertain where the offence took place. This manual review would 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

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, initial searches were conducted of the Case Recording System between 01/12/2021 – 30/11/2024 for the following offences of:

RT88339 – Drive whilst unfit through Drink
RT88347 – In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink
RT88343 – Attempt to drive a vehicle when alcohol level above limit
RT88007 – Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit
RT88008 – In charge of motor vehicle – alcohol level above limit
RT88326 – attempt to drive motor vehicle – alcohol level above limit

Drink Drive offences broken down by year

Month and Year	Total
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2021	
Dec	48
2022	
Jan	40
Feb	33
Mar	47
Apr	46
May	63
Jun	42
Jul	45
Aug	37
Sep	54
Oct	53
Nov	53
Dec	47
2023	
Jan	64
Feb	28
Mar	49
Apr	40
May	52
Jun	38
Jul	53
Aug	52
Sep	61
Oct	52
Nov	47
Dec	59
2024	
Jan	44
Feb	29
Mar	34
Apr	47
May	41

Jun	40
Jul	49
Aug	36
Sep	31
Oct	60
Nov	49
Total	1663

Number of Charges

Month and Year	CHARGE	POSTAL CHARGE	Total
2021			
Dec	39	2	41
2022			
Jan	30	6	36
Feb	16	13	29
Mar	34	7	41
Apr	30	10	40
May	49	12	61
Jun	32	5	37
Jul	36	5	41
Aug	28	5	33
Sep	43	6	49
Oct	46	4	50
Nov	46	1	47
Dec	38	5	43
2023			
Jan	47	8	55
Feb	19	4	23
Mar	36	8	44
Apr	32	5	37
May	51	1	52
Jun	32	6	38
Jul	41	5	46
Aug	44	2	46

Sep	52	2	54
Oct	45	3	48
Nov	40	3	43
Dec	54	1	55
2024			
Jan	33	7	40
Feb	24	3	27
Mar	29	2	31
Apr	35	6	41
May	34	4	38
Jun	33	3	36
Jul	47	2	49
Aug	30	5	35
Sep	26		26
Oct	45	4	49
Nov	38	6	44
Total	1334	171	1505

Age of offender

Please note due to recording practices there are some anomalies in the data.

Age	Year		Total
	2023	2024	
17	2	1	3
18	0	7	7
19	1	8	9
20	1	15	16
21	0	12	12
22	0	10	10
23	4	11	15
24	2	14	16
25	2	12	14
26	3	10	13
27	1	12	13

28	0	14	14
29	2	17	19
30	2	13	15
31	1	13	14
32	3	14	17
33	1	8	9
34	2	16	18
35	4	7	11
36	1	16	17
37	3	22	25
38	3	13	16
39	2	9	11
40	0	6	6
41	3	14	17
42	2	4	6
43	2	16	18
44	1	10	11
45	0	9	9
46	1	10	11
47	1	9	10
48	1	3	4
49	0	10	10
50	0	8	8
51	1	9	10
52	1	10	11
53	0	9	9
54	0	3	3
55	2	5	7
56	0	7	7
57	2	3	5
58	0	4	4
59	0	5	5
60	0	3	3
61	1	4	5

62	0	5	5
63	0	5	5
64	0	2	2
65	1	0	1
70	0	2	2
71	0	1	1
72	0	3	3
73	0	1	1
74	0	1	1
75	0	2	2
78	0	1	1
79	0	1	1
133	0	1	1
Total	59	460	519

Gender of the offender

Year	Sex		Total
	F	M	
2023	13	46	59
2024	93	367	460
Total	106	413	519

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,

Disclosure Officer
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