



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0748

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Date: 01/08/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0748

On 13/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The last three National drink and drug driving campaigns which Gloucestershire Constabulary participated in were:

01/12/2022 – 01/01/2023

14/08/2023 - 27/08/2023

01/12/2023 – 01/01/2024

In respect of the duration of the most recent campaign, how many times were 4 or more officers stationed at a roadside for the purpose of pulling cars over to conduct roadside checks? I.e. what was the number of vehicle checkpoints set up between 01/12/2023 to 01/01/2024?

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

Unfortunately, there is no central register for the information you have requested and no way to retrieve this by way of electronic searches.

Gloucestershire Constabulary does not record these instances statistically, nor are they held in a format that would allow their extraction within the permitted time constraints. To provide a definitive response would require canvassing all officers to determine if they have been tasked to carry out roadside breath tests as part of a campaign.

It has been estimated that this would far exceed the permitted time constraints, therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00.

When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

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.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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