



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0033

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0033

On 09/01/2025 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. I am seeking data on road traffic collisions (RTCs) involving motorcycles and the number of motorcyclist fatalities resulting from these RTCs in your area. If this information is available elsewhere, please direct me to where I may find it.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information as individual requests:

1. The total number of RTCs involving motorcycles in your police force area for the past five years.
2. The total number of motorcyclist fatalities resulting from RTCs in your police force area for the past five years.
3. The total number of RTCs for your police force area for the past five years.
4. The number of serious injuries sustained by motorcyclists in RTCs for your police force area for the past five years.
5. Any available data on the time of day, day of the week, and location (urban/rural) of these RTCs involving motorcycles.

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

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

Reports of Road Traffic Collisions are recorded on the Incident Recording System. Unfortunately, the type of vehicle involved is not recorded in a separate field and therefore cannot be retrieved statistically. In order to ascertain the number of RTC's specifically involving motorcycles would involve manually reviewing thousands of records, which

would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours 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.

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.

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, I can confirm the following 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.

Information readily available regarding total RTC incidents recorded is as follows:

2021	5213
2022	5885
2023	5981
2024	6394
Total	23473

Information relating to injury-collisions is collated and recorded by Gloucestershire County Council. Details of how to make an FOI request to the Council, should you wish to do so, can be found via the following link:

[How do I submit my request? | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

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
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Yours sincerely,

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