



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_25_0053
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Date: 05/02/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0053

On 14/1/25 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The total number of targeted roadside checks for vehicle licence information carried out by your Police Force in 2022, 2023 and 2024?
2. The total number of vehicles issued with fines by the Police off the back of targeted roadside checks for vehicle licencing in 2022, 2023 and 2024?
3. The reasons for, and number of fines issued to owners as a result of targeted roadside checks (eg: incorrect information, licence being out of date etc)?
4. What are the total costs to vehicle drivers for fines issued per year by your Police Force?

On 17/1/25 clarification was sought from you in which you responded with the following:

For clarity, please can you provide me with all stops that have resulted in vehicle licensing found to be incorrect? So that would include name and address information being incorrect, or not matching that on their insurance records, as well as those that are driving incorrect vehicles based on their licenses and what has been provided.

Do you need me to resubmit any details relating to this, or is this all you may well need?

In response to the above further clarification was sought from you on 20/1/25 in which you responded with the following:

So to determine full figures, if it's possible to have for both that would be great.
If not, then random stops that found them to be outdated.

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

To determine if relevant information is held it would require canvassing all officers to request that they search through their pocket notebooks for any information relating to the stopping of a vehicle. Unless there is a policing outcome (i.e. arrest, fixed penalty notice etc) to the stop there is no electronically retrievable information. However even if a stop does result in a policing outcome there is no central record for the totals requested and several systems would need to be cross referenced.

Even by narrowing this request down to the most likely department to potentially hold this information we have estimated that this part of the request 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

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to 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 – 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.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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