



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_25_0102
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Date: 19/02/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0102

On 27/01/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please can you provide details of the number of motor vehicles stolen within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024
2. Please can you provide details of the number of motor vehicles subject to the 'unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024
3. Please can you provide the Make and exact Model recorded on your crime recording system in relation to request 1 and 2 within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024
4. Please can you advise how many of these motor vehicles were equipped with keyless entry

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

Unfortunately there is no central register for the information requested for Q4 and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each crime of a motor vehicle theft. This would involve the review of over 1,700 records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

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.

Under section 16 duty to assist, if you omit Q4 from your request, searches can be conducted for Q1 & 2, we may be able to provide some data for Q3 however as make and model is not a mandatory field the data would be incomplete.

If the above would aid your request please resubmit a new FOI.

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,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary