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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0147

On 05/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dear Gloucestershire Constabulary,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request data regarding underage (under the age of 17) drivers who have been arrested in your area.

Could you please provide the following data for the period 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024:

- 1) The total number of individuals arrested for driving underage.
- 2) The locations by LSOA name where each offence took place.
- 3) The last outcome category type for each individual arrested.

If possible, please provide this data in an Excel spreadsheet (or a similar format), broken down by month within the given time period.

If any part of this request is unclear, please let me know.

Clarification was sent on 07/02/2025 advising the following:

In order to fulfil your request, we are able to search the Reason For Arrests (RFAs) where driving is included in the RFA i.e. Driving Offence Other - Non Reportable, Dangerous Driving etc. then a manual review can be conducted to see if they are relevant to your request.

Or if you review the legislation and the section of the legislation which you would like a search to be conducted for and we can perform a search on the case data, however this

would not necessarily mean that there has been an arrest just that there is an investigation.

Example of the legislation is - Roads Traffic Act 1988.

Please are you able to advise which search you would for us to conduct in order to provide you with the information requested.

A response to the clarification was received on 07/02/2025 with the following:
In terms of your request for clarification please provide the total number of "Unauthorised Vehicle taking" and "Aggravated vehicle taking" offences by those under 17.

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

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 Crime Recording System for substantiated offence recorded between 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024, where the offences is recorded as the following:

Unauthorised Vehicle Taking
Aggravated Vehicle Taking
By offenders under 17 years.

The results are as follows:

8 offences have been record where the offender is under 17 years.

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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