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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0184

On 12/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

. I am doing a story about the recent change in the legislation on mobile phone usage whilst driving. I believe the offence is under the code CU80.

Since March 2022 the government tightened its rules, and increased the penalties. I wanted to ask how many such incidents have been recorded by your police force in the past few years.

My questions are:

- How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2021?
- How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2021?
- How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2021?

- How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2022?
- How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2022?
- How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2022?

- How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2023?
- How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2023?
- How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2023?

- How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2024?
- How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2024?
- How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2024?
- How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving so far in 2025?
- How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving so far in 2025?
- How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving so far in 2025?

It is possible that the volume of material requested is such that it would take it above the cost/staff time limit. With this in mind, I would also respectfully remind you that Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on public authorities to provide assistance and advice to those making FOI requests so if there are any issues concerning this request – including the research time needed by you to respond – I would expect you to contact me to discuss a way forward.

Clarification was sought on 20/02/2025 advising of the following:

We could look at the number of tickets which have been issued for drivers using their mobile phone, in order to know how many drivers have been stopped and to know if there has been an outcome whether it is positive (this would be in the form of a ticket) or a negative outcome (this could be in the form of Words of Advice) this may not be documented anywhere other than the Police Officers Pocket Notebook (PNBs) and we would need to canvas all police officers and do a manual review of their PNBs, this would engage in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please also note that the information regarding whether a fine/penalty points has been issued or how many drivers have lost their licence is not information held by the police. This information would be held by the Fixed Penalty Office and the HM Courts.

Please can you let me know if you would like a search of the number of tickets which have been issued? Or if this would not help you, please either refine your request or withdraw your request.

A response to the clarification was received on 20/03/2025 advising the following:

I have been receiving the number of Fixed Penalty notices issued from police forces for the respective years – and some have been able to give me the number of court appearances as well.

I am hopeful your force can give me the number of FPN under this offence, and this would be held by the police

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

Please see the below table

Offence	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Supervisor of provisional licence holder use hand-held mobile phone / device - endorsable offence					
Ticket Issued but no outcome recorded	0	0	0	0	0
Paid/Licence Endorsed	0	0	1	1	0
Prosecuted	1	0	0	0	0
Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence					
Ticket Issued but no outcome recorded	0	0	0	22	26
Paid/Licence Endorsed	159	204	212	224	12
Prosecuted	56	73	123	106	0
Permit use of a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence					
Ticket Issued but no outcome recorded	0	0	0	1	0
Paid/Licence Endorsed	0	13	12	7	0
Prosecuted	0	3	0	0	0
Total	216	293	348	361	38

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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Yours sincerely,

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