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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0246

On 27/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request data regarding the enforcement and statistics of mobile phone usage while driving and seatbelt compliance in vehicles within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

1. Mobile Phone Usage While Driving:

1. The number of reported offences for drivers using a mobile phone while driving from January 2022 to February 2025.

1. Including if possible:

1. Age of offender (e.g., under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)

2. Gender of offender

3. A brief description of what took place (if possible).

1. Vehicle being driven

2. Actions taken (Fines, penalties, warnings, arrests)

3. Injury/Deaths (of offender/victim)

4. Damage to vehicles

2. Seatbelt Compliance:

1. The number of reported offences for failure to wear a seatbelt from January 2022 to January 2025.

1. Including if possible:

1. Age of offender (e.g., under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)

2. Gender of offender

3. A brief description of what took place (if possible).

1. Vehicle being driven

1. Actions taken (Fines, penalties, warnings, arrests)

2. Injury/Deaths (of offender/victim)

3. Damage to vehicles

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

Data regarding the issuing of fines for the use of a mobile phone whilst driving and seatbelt compliance can be held on two different systems. Unfortunately the two systems do not interact with each other and therefore there is no way to determine if data held on one is not duplicated on another.

There will be instances where an officer will witness one of the offences requested and will not issue a ticket there and then and instead will refer the incident directly to be processed to be sent to the courts. This scenario would be processed on one system.

There will also be instances where a ticket is issued to the driver on the spot, this is recorded on a secondary system. Although both scenarios could result in a court hearing they are processed through different systems which do not interact with each other. Even with a manual review it would be difficult to determine if any record has been duplicated on either system.

The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review all relevant records on each system, this would involve the review of hundreds, if not thousands of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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.

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, we have supplied the 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.

I have been able to extract electronic data from Pentip, please see the attached documents which provides a breakdown of the results.

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.

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,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary

2022

Mobile Phone Usage While Driving:

Outcome recorded	total
Cancelled	56
Paid / Licence Endorsed	217
Prosecuted	76
Grand Total	349

Gender	
Female	50
Male	298
Unknown	1
Grand Total	349

Make of Vehicle	Number of Vehicles
ALFA ROMEO	1
AUDI	12
BMW	13
CITROEN	9
DAF TRUCKS	9
DS	1
FIAT	6
FORD	66
HONDA	5
HYUNDAI	1
ISUZU TRUCKS	1
IVECO	6
JAGUAR	2
JCB	1
JOHN DEERE	1
KIA	2
LAND ROVER	10
LDV	2
LEXUS	1
MAN	3
MAZDA	2
MERCEDES	46
MG	1
MINI	3
MITSUBISHI	8
NISSAN	11
PEUGEOT	14
RENAULT	18
RENAULT TRAFIC	1
RENAULT TRUCKS	3
SAAB	1
SCANIA	7
SEAT	2
SETRA	1

Ages	
Under 18	0
18-24	23
25-34	101
35-44	101
45-54	56
55-64	37
65+	9
No age listed	22
	349

SKODA	1
SSANGYONG	1
TOYOTA	9
VAUXHALL	37
VOLKSWAGEN	28
VOLVO	3
Grand Total	349

Seatbelt Compliance

Outcome recorded	total
Cancelled	841
Paid	906
Prosecuted	24

Retraining Course	
Attended And Completed	788
Grand Total	2559

Gender	
Female	133
Male	2276
Unknown	150

Grand Total	2559
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Make of Vehicle	Number of Vehicles
Unknown	2
ALEXANDER DENNIS	1
AUDI	10
BMW	19
CHEVROLET	1
CITROEN	92
CLAAS	1
DAF	5
DAF TRUCKS	237
DENNIS	20
DFSK	1
ERF	3
FIAT	37
FORD	612
GROVE COLES	1
HINO	1
HONDA	10
HYUNDAI	7
ISUZU	6
ISUZU TRUCKS	22
IVECO	92
IVECO-FORD	11
JAGUAR	4

Ages	
Under 18	0
18-24	86
25-34	454
35-44	448
45-54	461
55-64	419
65+	160
No age listed	531
Grand Total	2559

KIA	5
LAND ROVER	42
LDV	5
LEXUS	2
LIEBHERR	1
MAN	60
MAXUS	3
MAZDA	4
MERCEDES	359
MINI	3
MITSUBISHI	17
MITSUBISHI FUSO	14
MORRIS	1
NISSAN	56
PEUGEOT	116
RANGE ROVER	1
RENAULT	108
RENAULT TRUCKS	64
SAAB	1
SCANIA	85
SEAT	7
SKODA	7
SSANGYONG	1
SUZUKI	5
TALBOT	1
TOYOTA	29
VAUXHALL	162
VOLKSWAGEN	137
VOLVO	68
Grand total	2559

2023

Mobile Phone Usage While Driving:

Outcome recorded	Total
Cancelled	57
Paid / Licence Endorsed	225
Prosecuted	123
Grand Total	405

Gender	
Female	75
Male	325
Unknown	5
Grand Total	405

Make of vehicle	Number of Vehicles
AUDI	6
BMW	15
CITROEN	12
DAF	1
DAF TRUCKS	5
FIAT	8
FORD	86
FORD TRANSIT	2
HONDA	10
HYUNDAI	3
ISUZU	3
IVECO	4
JAGUAR	2
JEEP	2
KIA	1
LAND ROVER	12
LEXUS	2
MAN	3
MASSEY FERGUSON	1
MAXUS	1
MAZDA	3
MERCEDES	43
MINI	2
MITSUBISHI	8
NISSAN	9
PEUGEOT	19
POLESTAR	1
PORSCHE	1
RENAULT	20
RENAULT TRUCKS	1

Ages	
Under 18	0
18-24	30
25-34	106
35-44	126
45-54	61
55-64	49
65+	20
No age listed	13
Grand Total	405

SCANIA	2
SEAT	6
SKODA	3
SMART	1
SUBARU	1
SUZUKI	2
SWIFT	1
SYM	1
TESLA	2
TOYOTA	11
VAUXHALL	44
VOLKSWAGEN	39
VOLVO	6
Grand Total	405

Seatbelt Compliance

Outcome recorded	Total
Cancelled	129
Paid	137
Prosecuted	8
Retraining Course Attended	109
Grand Total	383

Gender	
Female	24
Male	337
Unknown	22
Grand Total	383

Make of vehicle	Number of Vehicles	Ages	
Unknown	1	Under 18	0
AUDI	4	18-24	26
BMW	8	25-34	59
CHEVROLET	1	35-44	86
CITROEN	10	45-54	65
DAF	2	55-64	57
DAF TRUCKS	31	65+	17
DENNIS	2	No age listed	73
FIAT	4	Grand Total	383
FORD	94		
HONDA	3		
HYUNDAI	2		
ISUZU TRUCKS	3		
IVECO	12		
IVECO-FORD	2		
KIA	2		
LAND ROVER	6		
MAN	5		
MERCEDES	46		

MITSUBISHI FUSO	2
NISSAN	4
PEUGEOT	21
PORSCHE	1
RENAULT	17
RENAULT TRUCKS	2
SCANIA	5
SEAT	1
SKODA	1
SUZUKI	1
TOYOTA	7
VAUXHAL VIVARO	1
VAUXHALL	28
VDL	2
VOLKSWAGEN	43
VOLVO	9
Grand Total	383

2024

Mobile Phone Usage While Driving:

Outcome recorded	Total
Cancelled	22
Not Completed	12
Paid / Licence Endorsed	237
Prosecuted	110
Grand Total	381

Gender	
Female	89
Male	287
Unknown	5
Grand Total	381

Make of vehicle	Number of Vehicles
AUDI	16
BMW	22
CHRYSLER	1
CITROEN	14
DAF	1
DAF TRUCKS	4
FIAT	5
FORD	81
HONDA	8
HYUNDAI	2
ISUZU	2
ISUZU TRUCKS	1
IVECO	2
JAGUAR	1
JCB	1
JEEP	1
JOHN DEERE	1
KIA	6
LAND ROVER	16
LEXUS	1
MAN	1
MAZDA	2
MERCEDES	35
MERCEDES BENZ	2
MERLO	2
MG	3
MINI	5
MITSUBISHI	3

Ages	
Under 18	0
18-24	26
25-34	97
35-44	128
45-54	69
55-64	32
65+	14
No age listed	15
Grand Total	381

NISSAN	10
PEUGEOT	15
PORSCHE	3
RENAULT	19
RENAULT TRAFIC	1
RENAULT TRUCKS	3
ROLLS ROYCE	1
SCANIA	4
SEAT	2
SKODA	4
SSANGYONG	1
SUZUKI	1
TESLA	3
TOYOTA	10
UNIVERSAL	1
VAUXHALL	30
VOLKSWAGEN	32
VOLVO	2
Grand Total	381

Seatbelt Compliance

Outcome recorded	Total
Cancelled	211
Not Completed	37
Paid	227
Prosecuted	7
Retraining Course Attend	225
Grand Total	707

Gender	
Female	33
Male	632
Unknown	42
Grand Total	707

Make of vehicle	Number of Vehicles	Ages	
Unknown	1	Under 18	0
AUDI	5	18-24	29
BMW	7	25-34	124
CITROEN	33	35-44	159
DAF	1	45-54	122
DAF TRUCKS	63	55-64	89
DENNIS	3	65+	37
ERF	1	No age listed	147
FIAT	14	Grand Total	707
FORD	155		
HONDA	3		
HYUNDAI	4		
ISUZU	1		
ISUZU TRUCKS	14		

IVECO	23
IVECO-FORD	3
KIA	2
LAND ROVER	7
LDV	1
MAN	16
MAXUS	5
MAZDA	1
MERCEDES	100
MINI	1
mitsubishi fuso	4
NISSAN	16
PEUGEOT	28
RENAULT	28
RENAULT TRUCKS	14
SCANIA	21
SEAT	3
SKODA	5
SUZUKI	1
TESLA	1
TOYOTA	9
TRIGANO	1
VAUXHALL	53
VOLKSWAGEN	31
VOLVO	27
WEINSBERG	1
Grand Total	707

2025

Mobile Phone Usage While Driving:

Outcome recorded	Total
Not Completed	8
Paid / Licence Endorsed	12
Grand Total	20

Gender	
Female	5
Male	15
Grand Total	20

Make of vehicle	Number of Vehicles
AUDI	1
BMW	3
FIAT	2
FORD	3
IVECO	1
LAND ROVER	1
MERCEDES	2
MINI	2
PORSCHE	1
SKODA	1
VAUXHALL	2
VOLKSWAGEN	1
Grand Total	20

Ages	
Under 18	0
18-24	1
25-34	4
35-44	8
45-54	4
55-64	0
65+	2
No age listed	1
	20

Seatbelt Compliance

Outcome recorded	Total
Cancelled	3
Not Completed	40
Paid	8
Retraining Course	
Attended And	
Completed	11
Grand Total	62

Gender	
Female	1
Male	52
Unknown	9
Grand Total	62

Make of vehicle	Number of Vehicles
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Ages

CITROEN	3
DAF TRUCKS	9
DENNIS	1
FORD	13
ISUZU TRUCKS	1
IVECO	2
LAND ROVER	1

MAN	3
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MERCEDES	8
NISSAN	1
PEUGEOT	3
RENAULT	2
RENAULT TRUCKS	2
SCANIA	3
VAUXHALL	3
VOLKSWAGEN	3
VOLVO	4

Grand Total	62
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Under 18	0
18-24	0
25-34	1
35-44	10
45-54	12
55-64	16
65+	6

No age listed	17
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Grand Total	62
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