



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_25_0257
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Date: 01/04/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0257

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

This is an information request relating to vehicles impounded by the force, namely mopeds/scooters and vehicles registered with the motability scheme.

Please provide the following information, for the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 (to present) financial years:
The number of mopeds or scooters impounded in relation to PWITs or drug investigations

Please also, for the same financial years, provide the following information:

Vehicles (of any kind) impounded for any crime which are registered with the motability scheme. Please provide a breakdown of the types of crime for those impounded

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

Unfortunately, it is not electronically possible to search for the information you are requesting. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of all vehicle seizure records would be required to identify where the offence relates to drugs. This manual review would exceed the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of 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.

A search has been conducted on the property records where the keyword of 'Mobility' is present within the description and the item has been seized. This has returned 13 records which have been manually reviewed. I can confirm that 0 (zero) records are relevant to your request.

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
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