



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_25_0310
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Date: 11/04/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0310

On 17/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

RE: Request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)

Dear Information Team

This is an information request relating to suspects charged where a vehicle involved was 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 suspects charged in each year where a vehicle involved in the alleged crime was registered with the motability scheme
- A breakdown by crime

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 the information you are requesting. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information review of all substantiated crimes recorded within the time period requested to ascertain whether a vehicle was used and to ascertain whether the vehicle was registered with the Motability scheme. Within the time period of 01/04/2024 – 04/03/2025 there was over 43,843 crimes recorded, this manual review would exceed the time 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.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

Information relating to vehicles and if they are registered under the Motability Scheme would be information held by the DVLA.

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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