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Our reference: FOI_25_0344

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0344

On 26/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to the offence of driving without proper control of the vehicle (commonly associated with offence code CD10).

Please provide data for the last three calendar years: 2022, 2023 and 2024, with a monthly breakdown where possible.

Specifically, I would like to request the following:

1. The total number of cautions issued under the CD10 offence, broken down by month and year.
2. The total number of fixed penalties issued under the CD10 offence, broken down by month and year.

Clarification:

If your force does not issue Fixed Penalty Notices but instead issues conditional offers (comprising a fine and points on the licence), please confirm this within your response and include these figures under Q2.

3. The total number of prosecutions initiated under the CD10 offence, broken down by month and year.

Clarification:

I am seeking data on individuals who were referred for court prosecution under CD10, regardless of whether a conviction followed. If available, please also include a breakdown showing how many of those referrals resulted in conviction.

If only one of these figures is held, please provide what is available and indicate what the figure represents.

4. A full list or breakdown of all offences recorded under CD10 during this period.

Clarification:

I am referring to a monthly count or list of each individual instance where the CD10 offence was recorded during the requested period (2022–2024), including any available supporting information such as:

The month/year of the offence

Whether the offence led to a caution, fixed penalty/conditional offer, or prosecution Any additional metadata recorded (e.g. age/gender of driver if available and not exempt)

Any narrative/officer notes or incident descriptors associated with the offence, where such free-text fields exist and can be shared in redacted form

5. Where available, any accompanying officer notes, incident descriptors, or free-text fields associated with CD10 offences.
6. If possible, please indicate whether any of the CD10 offences were related to driving with pets in the vehicle (e.g. where the presence or behaviour of a pet may have contributed to the lack of control). This could include any relevant details recorded in officer notes or free-text fields.
7. Please indicate the number of fines issued under the CD10 offence during each period and where held, the total revenue generated from these fines, broken down by each month of each calendar year.

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

Although instances of the offence of RT88575 – drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road / in a public place without due care and attention, are recorded, any officer notes will be recorded on a different system (electronic pocket notebook) and therefore cannot be retrieved electronically.

As such, in order to answer your request in full, each instance of the offence would need to be manually reviewed. This would involve manually reviewing hundreds of records over different systems, which would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the 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.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I can confirm that the following information can be retrieved:

All such offences recorded on the Pentip system

Of these, the initial outcome

All such offences recorded with a charge outcome on the offence recording system

If just this information would still be useful, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk

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
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Yours sincerely,

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