



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0483

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Date: 27/05/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_XXX

On 07/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of reported offences or incidents recorded in your force area in 2024 relating to:

- a) Obstructed vehicle number plates
- b) Illegally modified or non-compliant number plates (e.g. incorrect font, spacing, size, ghost plates or use of non-standard characters)

2. Additionally, please confirm whether your force actively conducts specific operations or checks targeting illegal or obscured number plates.

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

1 a & b

Offence	Total
Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with regulations	59
Drive a vehicle with registration mark obscured / indistinguishable	9
Keep a vehicle when registration mark fails to conform with the regulations	95
Total	163

2 I can confirm Gloucestershire Constabulary does not actively conduct specific operations to target illegal or obscured number plates, however this is covered within normal policing duties.

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
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
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