



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0552

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Date: 02/06/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0552

On 29/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Q1. Please provide the total number of reported road traffic collisions from the years 2023, 2024 and year to date 2025, involving:

- a) Learner drivers (those driving with a provisional licence)
- b) Newly qualified drivers (those who passed their driving test within the past 24 months at the time of the collision, or as recorded)

Q2. For the figures in Q1, please provide a breakdown of each category by:

- a) Severity of the collision (e.g. fatal, serious, slight)
- b) Age of the driver involved (e.g. 17–19, 20–24, 25–29, etc., or as recorded)

Q3. If held, please also include the year in which the driver passed their driving test, or the date they gained their full licence, where this is available.

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

Unfortunately there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. This is not a mandatory field for completion within the CRASH recording system and the only way to determine if information relevant to your request is recorded and held would be to manually review all records held on constabulary systems. As this would involve the review of hundreds, if not thousands, of records it would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

When applying Section 12 exemption, our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

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.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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