



Your reference: N/A

Our reference: FOI_25_0582

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0582

On 05/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you please provide me with

- The number of collisions involving electric powered pedal bicycles (popularly known as e-bikes) for each calendar year from 2018 up to and including 2024. Also the number of casualties and fatalities that happened as a result of those collisions
- The number of collisions and casualties involving electric powered scooters (known as e-scooters) for each calendar year from 2018 up to and including 2024. Also the number of casualties and fatalities that happened as a result of those collisions

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

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

When a member of the public contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be recorded on the Incident Recording System. If it's then deemed to fall within the Home Office Crime Recording Rules, a Crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) are recorded on the Incident Recording System. This system is largely free text and therefore it's reporting function is limited. Although likely recorded on the incident, there are no specific fields on the system that record the mode of transport involved. As such, it's not possible to retrieve specific statistics relating to e-bikes or e-scooters.

In order to retrieve the specific information requested, a manual review of all Incidents with an RTC Closure Code would be required. This would involve manually reviewing thousands of incidents, which would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of 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 only way to potentially retrieve relevant information would be to combine the above mentioned search for incidents with an RTC Closure code with a free text search for the terms 'e-bike' and 'e-scooter'. Such a search would be solely reliant on those terms being used to describe the modes of transport involved and would still require a manual review for relevancy. It could therefore still attract the exemption at Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. If this may be useful, please submit a new FOI request to FOI@gloucestershire.police.uk

I can confirm that the Constabulary report injury collision information to Gloucestershire County Council. Further information regarding Road Safety can be found via the following link:

[Road safety | Highways](#)

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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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