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Our reference: FOI_25_0607
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Date: 14/07/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0607

On 16/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. The number of cars and vans stopped by your police force and/or the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) for any driving offence in the most recent full calendar year for which data is available.
 - a. Please provide a breakdown by day of the week (i.e., Monday through Sunday).
 - b. For each day, please list the total number of offences recorded, and if available, the three most common types of offences on that day.
2. A breakdown of this data by geographical location, county, or region (whichever is most readily available).
3. The number of charges, fines, or penalty notices issued as a result of these stops, ideally also broken down by day of the week and/or offence type if possible.

You clarified that you were interested in all driving offences recorded by the Constabulary rather than any potential joint operation with the DVSA.

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.

Not all offences that are considered traffic offences, are recorded on one system. Criminal offences such as Drink/Drug Driving or Death by Dangerous Driving for example would be recorded on the Crime Recording System. Whereas speeding and use of a mobile phone for example are recorded on the Pentip system. Some offences are recorded by Police Officers, as opposed to cameras detecting offences, and are recorded on the case system.

It has been estimated that it would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to locate all driving offences and retrieve all the requested information

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, the only way to potentially reduce the scope of your request would be to specify types of offences that you're interested in. E.g. you may be interested in speeding offences or drink/drug driving offences.

If you can restrict your request to certain types of offences only, it may be possible to retrieve some of the information you are requesting. If this would still be useful, please submit a new FOI Request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk

Useful links:

[Driving offences | The Crown Prosecution Service](#)
[Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers and staff - GOV.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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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