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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0612

On 18/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding convictions related to 'crash for cash' insurance scams within your jurisdiction. Please provide the following data for the period January 2020 – December 2024.

Please provide the total number of convictions for offences where the primary modus operandi was identified as a 'crash for cash' insurance scam (e.g., staged road traffic collisions, induced collisions, or ghost collisions for fraudulent insurance claims). This should include convictions for offences such as, but not limited to, fraud by false representation (Fraud Act 2006, Section 2) or conspiracy to defraud.

It is understood that 'crash for cash' may not be a distinct statistical category within your records. If direct figures are not available, please provide data for the closest relevant offence categories where this type of fraud was the identified underlying activity. The request seeks aggregated, anonymised statistical data, not personal details.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

By way of assistance, I would also like to advise you that there is no way to search for "crash for cash" within our systems, therefore the closest relevant offence would be Fraud. A manual review of all fraud-related records would need to be conducted in order to determine whether any relevant information may be held which may then become subject to the Section 12 cost refusal.

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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