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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0639

On 25/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many e-scooters were seized in the following financial years (April 1-March 31):

2022/23,

2023/24,

2024/25?

2. How many reported road traffic accidents (RTAs) in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 involved an e-scooter?

2a. Please provide a breakdown of accident location for RTAs involving e-scooters in 2024/25.

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

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 its reporting function is limited. Although likely recorded on the incident, there are no specific fields on the system that record the type of vehicle involved, i.e. e-scooters. As such, it's not possible to retrieve specific statistics.

It's also not possible to retrieve the number of incidents broken down by location as the location field is also free text.

As such, in order to retrieve the information requested, a manual review of all Incidents with an RTC Closure Code would be required. This would involve manually reviewing over 18,000 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 can 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.

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

A search of the Property Recording System could be conducted to identify the number of e-scooters seized. Please note however, that the seizure could be for any reason, not just related to an RTC. A manual review of any associated records would be required to determine if that information is recorded and, depending on the number of records identified, may also engage the S.12 refusal.

If this information would be useful to you, you can re-submit 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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