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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0655

On 01/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to make a request regarding information on drivers being fined for not wearing their seatbelt in your area.

Specifically, I'd like to request information on the following:

1. How many drivers in total were fined for not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)?
2. How many drivers between the ages of 17 and 29 were fined for not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)?
3. The number of casualties caused by drivers not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)? – Section 12 – RTC injury incidents – manually review if cause of accident is recorded.
4. The top 3 months where you reported the highest numbers of drivers being fined for not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)?

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

Unfortunately, it is not electronically possible to extract the information you have requested with regards the number of casualties caused by drivers not wearing a seatbelt.

When an Individual contacts the police and it is deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System.

Injury collisions are recorded on the incident recording system, however the system is largely free text and there is no way to electronically retrieve data that may be recorded such as if the cause of the collision is recorded. The only way to identify if this information is recorded and held by Gloucestershire Constabulary is to manually review all relevant records. An initial search of the incident recording system for injury incidents recorded within the time period requested and there are over 920 records that would require a manual review, therefore a review of all records from the relevant timeframe would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. We are unable to provide the total number of drivers who were fined for not wearing a seatbelt, however I can advise the number of notices of intended prosecution issued were 944.

2. We do not have the age of all the drivers, with the information which is recorded there is a total of 78 drivers between the ages of 17 – 29 which were sent notices of intended prosecution for not wearing a seatbelt.

4. The top 3 months with the highest numbers are March 2025, May 2025 and June 2025.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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