



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0750

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Date: 23/12/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0750

On 29/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information:
A list of vehicle registration numbers recorded by your force as being involved in a crime which resulted in at least one conviction, where the conviction was secured between 1 January 2025 and the date of this request.

For clarity:

- I am only requesting the vehicle registration numbers (VRNs), not the names or addresses of registered keepers.
- "Involved" may include being used in the commission of the offence, being present at the scene, or otherwise recorded in case files.
- If helpful, you may limit the request to indictable offences only, or those listed in a structured database.

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

Unfortunately there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held, and to retrieve that information, would be to manually review each crime report and any associated records. Initial searches have identified that there are over 26,000 crime records for the period of 01/01/2025 – 28/07/2025. Even filtering the crime records to identify those where the outcome is Charge would not reduce the number of records enough to fall within the permitted time constraints the Act, therefore Section 12 is engaged. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply

with a request for information if the authority has estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00

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 – unable to assist

Unfortunately I am unable to provide any assistance under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act as I am unable to suggest any way to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

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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