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Our reference: FOI_25_0813
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Date: 10/09/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0813

On 13/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In 2023 can you tell me how many cyclists your force arrested for breaches of any of the following laws, as prefixed by the associated HC rule.

Rule 60 - RVLIR regs 13, 18 & 24

Rule 62 - HA 1835 sect 72

Rule 64 - HA 1835 sect 72 & R(S)A sect 129

Rule 68 - RTA 1988 sects 24, 26, 28, 29 & 30 as amended by RTA 1991

Rule 69 - RTA 1988 sect 36 & TSRGD schedule 3 part 3, schedule 7 part 4, schedule 9 parts 4 and 6, schedule 13 part 6, schedule 14 part 2

Rule 71 - RTA 1988 sect 36 & TSRGD Schedule 14 part 1

Wanton and furious driving - OAPA 1861

I have dozens of responses from forces all over the country to this same request.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CHRC4mFZ8O8C8aulMs1w-jxGp-n4JKDRjkvfPk5inK4/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

You all use the same reporting format, you're perfectly capable of retrieving this information without lying and claiming it'd cost too much.

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used

for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the response given relates to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and our response should not be compared with any other response you receive.

The primary function of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific offences under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules nor under the Highway Code rules; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories which are specific to the Arrest Recording System. Unfortunately, there is no single RFA Category for the offences you have stated above. Although it may be possible to follow an arrest through to a recorded crime and, subsequently, to the police outcome per individual, it is not possible to retrieve electronic statistics. Therefore, in order to ascertain if any relevant arrest information is recorded, a manual review of all records from the date range of 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023 would be required. As this would mean reviewing 8,738 records, this 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 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.

Section 16 – Duty to Assist

We may be able to conduct a search of Case data to ascertain whether there are any records where the offences listed are recorded, and then manually review any relevant records to determine if the offender has been arrested. Please be aware that, depending on the number of records identified from an initial search, the Section 12 exemption may still be engaged.

If you would like for us to conduct this alternative search, please submit a new 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
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SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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