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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1016

On 20/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Request 1.

The total number of motorists of all categories that were arrested by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, after failing an alcohol breathalyser test.

If possible, please break down by time of day when the motorist was stopped by police and asked to take the test.

12 pm-6 am
6.01 am-11.59 am
Total stopped

Request 2.

The number of failed breathalyser tests in the following ranges (as measured in mg of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath)

Between 35 mg and 70 mg
Between 70 mg and 105 mg
Between 105 mg and 140 mg
Above 140 mg

Request 3.

The total number of motorists of all categories that were arrested by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, on suspicion of drug driving.

If possible, please break down by time of day.

12 pm-6 am
6.01 am-11.59 am

Total stopped

Request 4.

The number of motorists who were stopped by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, who were subsequently charged with

- A drink-driving offence
- A drug driving offence
- A combination of drink and drug driving offences

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

Unfortunately, there is no way of electronically retrieving the information you have requested. This is because the Arrest Recording System's primary function is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, the system does not record arrests as per the Home Office Crime Recording Rules but instead by Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. There are no separate RFAs for drink driving and drug driving, therefore a manual review of all Drink/Drug Driving authorised detentions is required to separately answer your questions. For the period of 01/12/2024 – 05/01/2025 there are 924 authorised detentions where the RFA of Drink/Drug Driving is recorded. In addition, in order to determine if relevant information is held in connection to the measured mg following a breathalyser test, a manual review of the custody records is required for this also.

To manually review these records would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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

By way of assistance, I confirm that the constabulary could search the Case Recording System for records where one of the offences listed below is recorded and where the offence decision is Charge or Postal Charge.

- RA88043 - Cause death by driving without due care and attention / reasonable consideration while unfit through drink
- RA88044 - Cause death by driving without due care / consideration while unfit through drugs
- RA88045 - Cause death by driving without due care / consideration while over specified limit - specified controlled drug
- RT88339 - Drive whilst unfit through drink
- RT88347 - In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink
- RT88343 - Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink
- RT88326 - Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit
- RT88007 - Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit
- RT88008 - In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit
- RT88584 - Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit
- RT88585 - In charge of a motor vehicle with proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit
- RT88586 - Attempt to drive a motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit
- RT88344 - Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drugs
- RT88340 - Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs
- RT88348 - In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drugs

Please note that this does not necessarily mean that a person was stopped at the roadside or failed, specifically, a roadside breath test – they may have been arrested for other offences & subsequently failed a Station breath test.

If a search of these offences for the number of charges recorded would be of use to you, 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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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