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Dear Rachel Jane

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1109

On 17/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following for each calendar month in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

1. The total number of drink driving arrests
2. The total number of roadside breath tests conducted
3. The total number of roadside breath tests where the driver was recorded as being over the legal alcohol limit
4. The highest evidential breath alcohol reading (μg per 100ml) recorded in that month

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

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that searches were undertaken within Gloucestershire Constabulary in order to identify and locate the relevant information.

Unfortunately, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct electronic searches. The Constabulary records positive roadside breath tests and the corresponding outcomes, however due to the data recording systems in place at the time of the requested information, it would require collating and undertaking a manual review of all incidents where a roadside breath test was used. This would involve the review of hundreds of thousands of incident records and would therefore take far 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.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the duty to provide advice and assistance to persons who have made request for information, please be advised that the Constabulary can offer the following.

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 figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly, whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Please see the requested information broken into 3 tables split by year occurring.

1) Number of Drink Drive Arrests

Please see the response contained within the 3 tables split by year.

2) The total number of roadside breath tests conducted

Exempt through section 12 of the ACT.

3) The total number of roadside breath tests where the driver was recorded as being over the legal alcohol limit

Please see the response contained within the 3 tables split by year.

4) The highest evidential breath alcohol reading (ug per 100ml) recorded in that month

In relation to Q4, Data is only held from April 2024 onwards.

In relation to the data provided, Q1 and Q3 cannot be linked together due to Q1 being recorded arrest outcomes and Q3 being the usage of roadside breath test machines which can be used for a range of differing applications and locations. It would not be possible to isolate the data due to the only recording factor being a numerical output.

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Jan	33	-	412	-
Feb	21	-	387	-
Mar	45	-	479	-
Apr	44	-	171	-
May	56	-	106	-
Jun	39	-	395	-
Jul	43	-	372	-
Aug	34	-	333	-
Sep	47	-	329	-
Oct	51	-	423	-
Nov	46	-	531	-
Dec	48	-	572	-

2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Jan	51	-	342	-
Feb	28	-	396	-
Mar	41	-	459	-
Apr	42	-	530	-
May	49	-	437	-
Jun	26	-	453	-
Jul	55	-	325	-
Aug	52	-	280	-
Sep	53	-	117	-
Oct	48	-	311	-
Nov	46	-	166	-
Dec	62	-	355	-

2024	1	2	3	4 (µg per 100ml)
Jan	37	-	300	-
Feb	30	-	400	-
Mar	31	-	400	-
Apr	35	-	276	121
May	35	-	543	149
Jun	38	-	493	200
Jul	51	-	646	164
Aug	41	-	543	133
Sep	32	-	509	200
Oct	49	-	666	200
Nov	43	-	540	177
Dec	57	-	1445	194

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
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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