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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0299

On 16/03/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

pc Cooper 2633 advised that there had been multiple crashes at the sit of A417 just past Staunton court in the last number of weeks due to road debris. I am requesting to know how many crashes due to the road conditions have there been.

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

By accessing the Constabulary's incident recording database, we were able to search for incidents where damage had occurred, as non-injury and no damage road traffic accidents (RTCs) are not recorded. For the date range 1st February 2026 – 24th March 2026, over 100 records were returned. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held, related to the specific area asked about in the request, would be to manually review each incident. This would involve the review of hundreds of records and would therefore 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.

Section 16 – duty to assist

By way of assistance, I can provide a link to [Gloucestershire Constabulary's Collisions](#) website which you can search for yourself using publicly available information.

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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