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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0325

On 23/03/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could you provide the following data for each of the last five calendar years (e.g. 2021–2025):

1. The total number of vehicles seized per year.
2. A breakdown of vehicle seizures by reason, where recorded. This could include (but is not limited to):
 - No insurance
 - No valid driving licence
 - Illegal modifications
 - Anti-social driving
 - Stolen vehicles
 - Other (please specify where possible)
3. A geographical breakdown of vehicle seizures by town or city (or the most granular level available).
4. The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) or other fines issued in relation to the offences leading to vehicle seizures, broken down by offence type and year, where this data is held.
5. Where available, the number of repeat offences or repeat offenders linked to vehicle seizures.
6. The average or total costs recovered from drivers in relation to seized vehicles, including release fees, storage fees, or other associated charges.

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

1.

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
3,497	3,512	3,567	3,967	4,120

2. No insurance and no valid driving licence are group under the same seizure codes.

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1,123	1,030	1,072	1,100	1,239

Other seizures are not able to be accessed via electronic searches and would require by manual review of each incident.

3. 4. Unfortunately there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches and would require a manual review of 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.

5. Gloucestershire Constabulary do not hold this information as all statutory fees and are paid direct to the contractor.

Please see below for suggestions on how you can 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 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

Section 16 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I am unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful 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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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