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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0379

On 17/04/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For the purposes of this request, I am referring to offences where a driver exceeded the posted speed limit on a public road in either a 20mph or 30mph limit.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information.

Q1. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 20mph limits in each of the following calendar years: 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Q2. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 30mph limits in each of the following calendar years: 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Q3. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 20mph limits between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2026.

Q4. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 30mph limits between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2026.

Q5. Where held in a readily retrievable format, the highest recorded speed detected in a 20mph limit, and separately in a 30mph limit, during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2026.

Q6. Where held in a readily retrievable format, the top three roads or locations within your force area with the highest number of speeding offences recorded in 20mph limits, and separately in 30mph limits, across the full period requested.

Q7. Where held in a readily retrievable format, the total number of offences in 20mph limits, and separately in 30mph limits, by outcome, including:

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

- a. Fixed Penalty Notices
- b. Speed awareness courses
- c. Prosecutions or court summons

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted for all parts of your request. For Question 6 and 7, I can confirm that the information you have requested may be held by Gloucestershire Constabulary however we do not record such instances statistically, nor are they held in a format that would allow their extraction within the permitted time constraints. To provide a definitive response would require all records to be reviewed manually to determine if any of the information is relevant to your questions. We have confidently estimated that this part of the request would far exceed the permitted time constraints, therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00

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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q1. Number of speed offences in 20 limits

2023 – 1003

2024 – 235

2025 – 446

Q2. Number of speed offences in 30 limits

2023 – 10685

2024 – 8112

2025 – 9770

Q3. Number of speed offences in 20 limits 01/01/2026-31/03/2026

139

Q4. Number of speed offences in 30 limits 01/01/2026-31/03/2026

1860

Q5. Highest speed recorded in 20 & 30 limits

20 limit – 51

30 limit – 81

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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Yours sincerely,

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