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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0427

On 01/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information relating to drink-driving offences.

For the purposes of this request, please include offences relating to driving or attempting to drive while over the legal alcohol limit, as well as being in charge of a vehicle while over the limit.

Q1. Daily breakdown

Please provide the total number of drink-driving offences recorded per day (by date) for the following periods:

20 November – 18 December 2022

14 June – 14 July 2024

Q2. Year-on-year comparison (same periods)

Please provide the total number of drink-driving offences recorded during the following date ranges (20 November – 18 December and 14 June – 14 July), for each of the years listed below:

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

Q3. (Optional) Hourly breakdown

Where available, please provide a breakdown of drink-driving offences by hour of day (0–23) for the periods listed in Q1 only.

If providing this information would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise Q1 and Q2 and disregard this question.

Q4. (Optional) Drug-driving offences

Where readily available, please provide the total number of drug-driving offences (i.e. driving or being in charge of a vehicle while over the prescribed drug limit) for:

20 November – 18 December 2022

14 June – 14 July 2024

If readily available, please also provide totals for these same date ranges in the following years:

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

If providing this information would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise Q1 and Q2 and disregard this question.

On 15/05/2026 you sent a further e-mail to say:

Further to my request, I would be happy for the data requested to relate specifically to arrests connected to drink-driving and drug-driving, rather than recorded offence/crime data.

We are also happy for Q3 regarding hourly breakdowns to be disregarded where this would exceed cost limits.

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

To provide a response to the questions you've asked, a search was conducted of the constabulary's crime recording system, looking at case data using the following CCCJS offence codes for the dates you specified:

- 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
- RT88584B - Aid abet the driving of a 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

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 find below the recorded and relevant information retrieved in response to your questions.

Q1 and Q4 - Daily breakdown: drink-driving & drug driving offences

20 November – 18 December 2022

	DRIVE A VEHICLE WHILST UNFIT THROUGH DRUGS	DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN ALCOHOL LEVEL ABOVE LIMIT	DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A PROPORTION OF A SPECIFIED CONTROLLED DRUG ABOVE THE SPECIFIED LIMIT	DRIVE WHILST UNFIT THROUGH DRINK	IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH PROPORTION OF SPECIFIED CONTROLLED DRUG ABOVE SPECIFIED LIMIT	IN CHARGE OF MOTOR VEHICLE - ALCOHOL LEVEL ABOVE LIMIT	Total
20-Nov		4		1			5
21-Nov		4	1	1			6
22-Nov			1				1
23-Nov		1	2				3
24-Nov			4				4

25-Nov			5			1	6
26-Nov	1	2					3
27-Nov		2					2
28-Nov		1					1
30-Nov		1				1	2
01-Dec			1				1
02-Dec			1	1	1		3
03-Dec		1					1
04-Dec		1					1
05-Dec			1				1
06-Dec				1			1
07-Dec		1	1				2
08-Dec		1					1
09-Dec	1	2	3	1			7
10-Dec		2				2	4
11-Dec		1					1
12-Dec			4				4
13-Dec		1					1
14-Dec		1	10				11
15-Dec	1	2	2				5
16-Dec			1				1
17-Dec		6				1	7
18-Dec		4		2			6
Total	3	38	37	7	1	5	91

14 June – 14 July 2024

	Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN ALCOHOL LEVEL ABOVE LIMIT	DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A PROPORTION OF A SPECIFIED CONTROLLED DRUG ABOVE THE SPECIFIED LIMIT	DRIVE WHILST UNFIT THROUGH DRINK	IN CHARGE OF MOTOR VEHICLE - ALCOHOL LEVEL ABOVE LIMIT	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink	Total
14-Jun		2		1			3
15-Jun	1	1				1	3
16-Jun			1				1
17-Jun		1	2		1		4
18-Jun			2		1		3
19-Jun			3	1			4
20-Jun			3				3
21-Jun			1				1
23-Jun		4		1			5
24-Jun		2					2
25-Jun		3	1				4
26-Jun			2				2
27-Jun		1					1
29-Jun		2					2
01-Jul		1			1		2
02-Jul		1	1				2
03-Jul		1	3				4
04-Jul			1				1
05-Jul		1					1
06-Jul		1	1				2
07-Jul		3					3
09-Jul		2			1		3
11-Jul	1	5		1			7
12-Jul		1					1
14-Jul		2		1			3

Total	2	34	21	5	4	1	67
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Q2 – Year on Year Comparison of Drink-Driving Offences

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	1	1	0	4	0	6
Drive Motor Vehicle when alcohol level above limit	63	71	77	70	39	320
Drive whilst unfit through drink	5	10	8	9	4	36
In charge of motor vehicle – alcohol level above limit	4	5	6	8	3	26
In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink	0	0	2	2	0	4

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
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Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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