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Date: 18/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0502

On 26/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Good afternoon,

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information.

If not all questions can be answered within the time limit, please answer these questions in order until the time limit is reached.

1. On 1 April in the following years, how many stolen vehicle examiners were employed by the force either as police officers or civilian staff?
i) 2016
ii) 2022
iii) 2023
iv) 2024
v) 2025
vi) 2026

2. On 1 April in the following years, how many stolen vehicle examiners employed by your force either as police officer or civilian staff were recognised as “Qualified Stolen Vehicle Examiners” by the National Association of Stolen Vehicle Examiners (NASVE)?
i) 2022
ii) 2023
iii) 2024
iv) 2025
v) 2026

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.

3. On 26 May 2026 (or the nearest available date for which data is available), what was the average caseload of a "qualified stolen vehicle examiner" (as outlined in question 2) in your force?

4. On 26 May 2026 (or the nearest available date for which data is available), how many 'theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle' cases remained open.

5. Please provide any current Standard Operating Procedure/policy/checklist/decision tree/other internal guidance document that governs:
i) investigation of the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle
ii) how investigators must handle CCTV/video enquiries in those investigations, including what to do when CCTV is not available
iii) what material/information must be assembled before seeking a charging decision for the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle

6. For cases relating to the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle in the financial year 2025/26 in which an individual was charged, what was the average time, in days, between the reporting of the alleged crime and the individual(s) being charged

7. For cases relating to the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle in the financial year 2025/26 in which the investigation was completed with no suspect identified, what was the average time, in days, between the reporting of the alleged crime and the investigation being closed?

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Best wishes,

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

Q1) – For all requested years 1 employed vehicle examiners
Q2) – No information held
Q3) – No information held
Q4) – 103 Cases
Q6) 18

Count of Outcomes Grouped	Column Labels			
Row Labels	**<07/04/2025**	**2025**	**2026**	**Grand Total**
1 - Charged/Summons		7	11	18
10 - Not in the public interest (Police)			1	1
12 - Prosecution prevented - suspect too ill/dead			1	1
13 - Prosecution prevented - victim/key witness too ill/dead		1		1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action		10	16	26

15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action		24	27	51
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action		20	21	41
17 - Prosecution time limit expired			7	7
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified		250	137	387
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency			1	1
22 - Diversionary		2	1	3
4 - Taken into Consideration (TIC)		1		1
5 - Offender died		1		1
Ongoing	13			13
Grand Total	**13**	**316**	**223**	**552**

The average numbers of days are 54

Q7) 387

In relation to Q5
The following exemptions apply:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible by other means

The above exemption is absolute and class-based and therefore no Public Interest Test or Harm Test is required.

The information that you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt by virtue of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Gloucestershire Constabulary are required to make certain information available to the public as part of a publication scheme.

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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,

Disclosure Officer
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