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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0507

On 28/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I wish to access information pertaining to police attendance at motor accidents on A4136 / B4234 in the forest of Dean.

Please can this information be provided for the period 1/1/2016 to 27/5/2026

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that searches were undertaken within Gloucestershire Constabulary in order to identify and locate relevant information.

Unfortunately, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct electronic searches.

A free text search has been undertaken for recorded incidents matching the requested criteria of A4136 and B4234, There are in excess of 5,600 recorded incidents for the requested time period, which would have to undergo a manual review in order to ascertain if any relevant information is held. For example, if the incident relates to a Road Traffic Collision (RTC), Has the RTC occurred on or at one of the two requested locations, and if Police attended would all have to be established via a manual review of each record. Conducting a manual review of a significant number of records would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed under the Act. Additionally, in relation to the requested timeframe, at the time of recording officers would have been expected to only centrally record RTCs whereby an alleged injury had occurred. It cannot however be discounted that officers attended non-injury RTCs and therefore a full manual review would be required.

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 – Advice and Assistance

Unfortunately, I'm 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.

However, you may wish to submit a new request, which specifically covers road traffic collisions with a recorded injury which are held by the Constabulary in a more retrievable format and may be able to be disclosed within the act.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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