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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0510

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

Please provide the total number of reports your police force has received/recorded about incidents involving electric bikes, also known as e-bikes? Please provide the total number for last year (2025), for 2024 and 2023.

Please provide the total number of reports received/recorded about incidents involving e-bikes and please provide a breakdown of the total number of reports for each category of incident in each year. So, how many incidents reported involved a road collision with other vehicles or pedestrians, how many involved an e-bike being stolen, how many involved anti-social behaviour and crimes being committed by riders on e-bikes etc. until the full number of different types of reports received involving e-bikes is reflected. Please include as much narrative as possible about what each report you received/recorded was in terms of the allegations - a theft, RTC etc.

Please provide the numbers for each of the above years. If possible, please provide the total number of, and the details of, incidents which led to formal action being taken such as arrests or charges. So how many arrests, charges or other types of formal action such as cautions have there been in relation to reports of incidents involving e-bikes and what were they for?

Please ensure that within the information requested above, it is clear how many alleged crimes/incidents involving an e-bike have been recorded by your force for each of the years above, and please provide a breakdown of all the different types of crimes/incidents that were recorded in each year. If it requires free-searching terms in your database with the words 'e-bike' or 'electric bicycle' or any other configuration please do so. Please do not include e-scooters in the data for the above questions, just e-bikes.

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

Following receipt of your request, an initial search was conducted of the Constabulary's incident recording database. For the date range you provided: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2025, two key word searches were completed using the terms "e-bike" and "electric bike". In total, 2527 records were returned. More records would be returned if further searches were carried out for "e-bicycle" or "electric bicycle". In order to establish if the individual records hold any significance to the request you made, a manual review of the data would need to be undertaken and we confidently estimate that this part of the request would far exceed the permitted time constraints set out by the Freedom of Information Act, 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.

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 – unable to assist

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.

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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