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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0673

On 15/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please see the attached and below.

This request concerns incidents involving deer and vehicles recorded on your force's command-and-control / incident-logging system (for example STORM or equivalent). It does not concern STATS19 personal-injury collision records, which are published nationally.

We want to know how many incidents there are annually involving deer and vehicles, either colliding with or swerving to avoid deer.

I am happy for the figures to be based on a keyword search for "deer" (and related terms such as stag, doe or fawn), and for the counts to be approximate.

Requested information

1. For each of the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, how many incidents recorded on your command-and-control / incident system referred to a deer on or near a road? Please provide a separate figure for each year, and break it down by monthly data if available.
2. Of those incidents, how many involved a vehicle either colliding with, or swerving to avoid, a deer? A combined figure is acceptable.
3. If possible, in addition to the above, for the same calendar years, can you list all recorded incidents with cows (cattle), horses, sheep, pigs and boar.
4. If readily available, please provide the road type (motorway, A-road, B-road or other) where the incidents above occurred.

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

Unfortunately, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each incident where the mentioned keywords may have been used. This would then have to be manually reviewed to retrieve the requested information. An initial search of the incident recording system for the keyword "Dear" recorded between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2025 has identified over 15,000 records that would need to be reviewed which would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act. This search did not include the other keywords mentioned of stag, doe or fawn.

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.

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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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