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Date:	04/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0868

On 15/09/20206 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am requesting the following information for each month separately.
December 2024
The total Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide information relating to drink-driving enforcement within Gloucestershire during December 2024 and December 2025.
1. number of motorists who were stopped and given a roadside breath test for suspected drink-driving.
2. The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol.
3. The total number of people arrested for a drink-driving offence.
4. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped and breath tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.
5. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following a road traffic collision.
6. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following another driving or traffic offence.
7. If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into: •

• 00:00–05:59
• 06:00–11:59
• 12:00–17:59
• 18:00–23:59

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.

December 2025

Please provide the same information for December 2025.
Morning-after drink-driving

In particular, I am interested in motorists stopped during the morning following the previous evening/night.

If the information is held, please provide the number of motorists who were:

a) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and produced a positive result for alcohol;
b) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and subsequently arrested for a drink-driving offence.
Please provide these figures separately for December 2024 and December 2025.
Reason for stop
If recorded, please also provide the number of positive breath tests and drink-driving arrests resulting from:

• routine or targeted roadside drink-driving enforcement;
• a road traffic collision;
• another traffic or driving offence;
• information/intelligence or a report from a member of the public; and
• any other recorded category.

If these categories are not recorded, please provide the closest equivalent information held.
I am specifically requesting recorded information already held by the force and am not asking the force to create new information or provide an opinion.

Where the information requested is not held in exactly this format, please provide the closest equivalent information that is readily available.

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit, please provide advice and assistance identifying what information can be supplied within the cost limit.

Please provide the response electronically, preferably in spreadsheet or table format.

Kind regards,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.
Following receipt of your request we have sourced the information to the relevant departments within the Constabulary. Unfortunately, your request relating to the data from 2024 and 2025 would mean we would need to extract the data on our recording systems, this would require us to manually review each report to determine whether the inputted field is related in relation to times requested, it would be necessary to manually review over hundreds of records as only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held. Therefore, would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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