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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0889

On 21/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the number of people (drivers and passengers) issued with a fixed penalty notice or other enforcement notice for failing to wear a seatbelt in a motor vehicle, for each of the following calendar years:

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025

If the information is recorded as the number of offences/notices rather than the number of individuals, please provide that figure instead.

I am only requesting the total figure for each year and do not require any further breakdown

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

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly, whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

In relation to the data held by the Constabulary, data is held from 2019 onwards. The data has been supplied in two separate data tables.

Table A, the number of occasions where an officer has stopped a vehicle and issued a FPN for failing to wear a seatbelt from 2019 – 2025 including the offence.

Offence	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Drive a motor vehicle not fitted with a rear seat belt on a road when child under 12 and not 150cm tall seated in rear	7	4	8	6	12	0	5	42
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	6	0	2	5	4	3	0	20
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	3	5	2	1	1	3	1	16
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	3	11	5	9	1	9	3	41
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt	7	128	87	127	100	33	53	535
Ride in a rear passenger seat in a motor vehicle on a road and fail to wear seat belt	0	9	4	4	5	4	7	33
Ride in the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle being driven on a road whilst not wearing a seat belt	4	4	4	12	3	4	3	34
Use motor vehicle on a road without a seat belt fitted	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	17	170	107	163	121	69	75	722

Table B, the number of occasions where road safety enforcement has taken place via a road safety enforcement camera or officer witnessing an offence relating to failing to wear and seatbelt from 2019 – 2025 including the offence which has resulted in the issuing of a FPN.

Offence	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	7
Drive on a road a motor vehicle whilst not wearing a seat belt	150	1,278	2,693	2,395	262	644	1,389	8,811
Grand Total	150	1,279	2,695	2,396	262	645	1,391	8,818

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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