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Date: 30/10/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0935

On 02/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dear Gloucestershire Constabulary,

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. The number of arrests made by your force for drink-driving offences in December of each year from 2021 to 2025 (1 to 31 December in each year).

2. The number of arrests made by your force for drug driving offences in December of each year from 2021 to 2025 (1 to 31 December in each year).

For the purposes of this request:
- "Drink driving offences" means offences under the Road Traffic Act 1988 relating to alcohol, including driving or being in charge of a vehicle over the prescribed limit or while unfit through drink, and failing to provide a specimen.
- "Drug driving offences" means offences under the Road Traffic Act 1988 relating to drugs, including driving or being in charge of a vehicle over a specified drug limit or while unfit through drugs, and failing to provide a specimen or cooperate with a preliminary drug test.

Please count each arrest once per question. If an arrest involved both drink and drug driving offences, please include it in a separate figure per year.

Please provide the information in spreadsheet format (Excel or CSV).

I would prefer to receive some information rather than none. If you cannot separate drink and drug driving arrests, please provide the combined total for each year. If answering this

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request in full would exceed the cost limit, please provide as much of the information as you can within the limit, or let me know which parts you could answer.

Yours faithfully,

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies, and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

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.

Following receipt of your request we have sourced the information to the specialist department within the constabulary, please see details below for your information we have searched authorised detentions from 01 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2025. We have filtered the data so that results are only returned when one of the following RFAs are linked to the custody record.

9 – Drink drive
29 – Drink/ drug drive a motor vehicle
30 – Drink/ drug in-charge of a motor vehicle

Years Dec	RFA 29	RFA 30
Dec-21	2552	210
Dec-22	2494	270
Dec-23	3248	180
Dec-24	3277	150
Dec 25-	2349	270

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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Gloucestershire Constabulary