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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request for: 26_0949

On 06/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding road traffic collisions recorded by your police force around the annual October clock change.

Please provide the following for the 1st September to 30th November inclusive in each year from 2021 to 2025:

1. The total number of recorded traffic collisions, broken down by day

2. A daily breakdown of these collisions by severity, such as fatal, serious or slight

3. Where readily available, a breakdown of daily figures by time of day, using hourly totals or time bands held in your system.

I am requesting aggregated figures only and do not require any personal information relating to individuals involved in these incidents.

If providing a daily or time-of-day breakdown would exceed the appropriate limit of the request, please prioritise the daily totals and severity breakdown. If daily figures cannot be provided within the limit, please provide weekly figures instead.

If any of the requested information is already publicly available, I would be grateful if you could direct me to the relevant dataset or publication.

I look forward to receiving your response within the 20-working-day timeframe.

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

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.

Following receipt of your request a search was undertaken by a Constabulary subject matter expert (SME) of the data currently held. To complete your request in full would require the SME to search each individual day in your date range for the years 2021-2025, then break them down and record the numbers. For the period 2021/22, due to a change in recording practices and the time since recording the incidents, the searching would be more complex and time consuming. This would require the SME to research more than 1000 individual incident records, which would take in excess of 18 hours. Therefore Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act is engaged.

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.

01/09/2023-30/11/2023
Total Collisions 278
Fatal 3
Serious 66
Slight 209

01/09/2024 – 30/11/2024
Total Collisions 281
Fatal 3
Serious 53

Slight 225

01/09/2025 – 30/11/2025
Total Collisions 213
Fatal 6
Serious 54
Slight 153

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
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Yours sincerely,

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