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Date: 04/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request for: 26_0963

On 09/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

The number of careless driving offences recorded for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date.

Would it be possible to break this down by age, age and gender, and month of offence for each year.

If time allows, please also provide the number of offences broken down by age and time of day, e.g. 12am - 1am, 1am, - 2am, etc.

If you're unable to break down by hours of the day, please provide for day time / night time offences, e.g. 7pm - 7am, 7am - 7pm

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

Following receipt of your request, a subject matter expert (SME) conducted initial searches. Due to a change in how the Constabulary records information and new systems introduced, some of the data you requested may be subject to a manual search and some data is irretrievable as the system has changed. Although the SME is aware that we may hold some information, to conduct further searches and to determine whether we can provide any relevant data to you, results in Section 12 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act being engaged; the SME estimates that the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

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.

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 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in the UK states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit.

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.

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
Wycliffe House

Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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