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Date: 11/03/2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022/195

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd February 2022 concerning driving dangerously statistics.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

I would like to request the following data, broken out by calendar year (and local authority location if possible), for the past 10 years starting with 2012 if available:

1. The number of drivers with ongoing driving disqualifications who have been caught still driving (by local authority area).
2. The number of drivers caught driving dangerously (according to police definition) (by local authority area).
3. The number of drivers caught parking dangerously (either by obstruction or by another suitable equivalent measure) (by local authority area).
4. The number of drivers caught driving without valid insurance (by local authority area).
5. The number of drivers caught failing to stop after an accident (by local authority area).
6. The number of drivers caught failing to report an accident (by local authority area).
7. All of the above who have been convicted as a result.

Our response:

Some of the information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. The only way to ascertain some of the information you require would be to manually search and read each record.



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For questions 1- 4, 6 and those that have been been to court for question 5 we are unable to split the offences by Local Authority, to establish this information would involve going into each case.

To obtain information on convictions would require interrogating each court hearing.

I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would normally advise you how to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Although excess cost removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Unable to split the offences by Local Authority as explained above.

We have been able to provide a completed total for those cases that were taken to court (Niche Data). However the data for 2021 is not fully updated as there are cases that are still being investigated that have not yet been put through the court process.

We have taken Question 3 offences to mean 'Wilful obstruction of a highway' and 'Obstruction offences'.

Please note that for Questions 3 and 4 (parking and insurance), it is possible that some data may be duplicated due to different system stats being collated (some will have been issued with a FPN and some will have also attended court if the FPN was not complied with)

Notice Issued between 01/01/2012 – 31/12/2012

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	0	2
	Total	0	2
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	0	3
	Total	0	3
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	0	0
	Total	0	0
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	44
	Total	0	44
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	2
	Total	0	2
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	92
	Total	0	92
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	101
	Total	0	101
RT88220	Fail to report RTC	0	69
	Total	0	69
Total		0	313

Notice Issued between 01/01/2013 – 31/12/2013

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	0	3
	Total	0	3
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	0	0
	Total	0	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	1	1103
	Total	1	1103
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	62
	Total	0	62
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	2
	Total	0	2
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	91
	Total	0	91
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	110
	Total	0	110
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	88
	Total	0	88
Total		1	1349

Notice Issued between 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	0	0
	Total	0	0
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	0	0
	Total	0	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	0	821
	Total	0	821
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	55
	Total	0	55
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	4
	Total	0	4
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	92
	Total	0	92
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	131
	Total	0	131
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	105
	Total	0	105
Total		0	1208

Notice Issued between 01/01/2015 – 31/12/2015

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	2	2
	Total	2	2
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	16	0
	Total	16	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	81	860
	Total	81	860
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	63
	Total	0	63
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	2
	Total	0	2
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	93
	Total	0	93
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	166
	Total	0	166
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	133
	Total	0	133
Total		99	1319

Notice Issued between 01/12/2016 – 31/12/2016

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	5	1
	Total	5	1
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	13	0
	Total	13	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	514	1049
	Total	514	1049
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	101
	Total	0	101
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	5
	Total	0	5
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	123
	Total	0	123
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	160
	Total	0	160
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	127
	Total	0	127
Total		532	1566

Notice Issued between 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	42	2
	Total	42	2
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	5	0
	Total	5	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	546	1144
	Total	546	1144
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	96
	Total	0	96
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	0
	Total	0	0
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	144
	Total	0	144
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	156
	Total	0	156
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	127
	Total	0	127
Total		593	1669

Notice Issued between 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	22	1
	Total	22	1
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	19	1
	Total	19	1
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	518	1112
	Total	518	1112
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	124
	Total	0	124
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	5
	Total	0	5
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	142
	Total	0	142
RT881218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	157
	Total	0	157
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	117
	Total	0	117
Total		559	1659

Notice Issued between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	4	2
	Total	4	2
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	8	0
	Total	8	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	525	1059
	Total	525	1059
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	93
	Total	0	93
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	4
	Total	0	4
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	142
	Total	0	142
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	171
	Total	0	171
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	129
	Total	0	129
Total		537	1600

Notice Issued between 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	1	6
	Total	1	6
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	3	0
	Total	3	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	559	1110
	Total	559	1110
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	105
	Total	0	105
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	2
	Total	0	2
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	149
	Total	0	149
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	113
	Total	0	113
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	84
	Total	0	84
Total		563	1569

Notice Issued between 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Data
HY80020	Wilful obstruction of a highway	0	6
	Total	0	6
RC86405	Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area	3	0
	Total	3	0
RT88191	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	402	1110
	Total	402	1110
RT88026	Dangerous Driving	0	105
	Total	0	105
RT88500	Death by dangerous Driving	0	2
	Total	0	2
RT88333	Disqualified Driving	0	149
	Total	0	149
RT88218	Fail to Stop RTC	0	92
	Total	0	92
RT88220	Fail to Report RTC	0	54
	Total	0	54
Total		405	1426

Failing To Stop data for injury collisions, split into 2 local authorities

YEAR	SWINDON	WILTS
2012	63	86
2013	42	97
2014	34	82
2015	54	108
2016	64	94
2017	50	73
2018	46	74
2019	32	79
2020	35	75
2021	19	61

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) Section 1(1) 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.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely

Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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