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Our reference: 01/FOI/25/007639/C
Your reference:
Date: 28/10/2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007639/C

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 27/10/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Question 1 –

Under the FOI Act I request the following information.

In Gloucestershire if a suspect is arrested on a Saturday evening and released the next day (26 miles away from their arrest location) they are given a public travel pass to get home. This is then taken away when they ask for a taxi to be called at the suspect's expense as they say it is the police being nice and not a legal requirement.

I would like to know what your Force's policy is in regard to suspect's getting home if they are 26 miles from the arrest location and it is a Sunday when public transport may be limited.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located information relevant to your request.

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1 –

Information held.

Derbyshire Constabulary does not have a specific policy regarding the provision of transport for individuals released from custody who are located a significant distance, such as 26 miles, from the place of arrest, particularly in circumstances where public transport options may be limited, such as on a Sunday.

The Constabulary operates under the principle of safe release, which is determined following a risk assessment conducted by the Custody Officer.



While there is no statutory requirement to provide transport, or any particular form of transport, appropriate consideration may be given to issuing a travel warrant or, where necessary, arranging transport to a suitable location. This decision is based on a range of factors, which may include, but are not limited to the detainee's age, perceived vulnerability (including gender), disability, time of day, distance from home, any known risks to or from the individual, and the availability of additional support.

This approach aligns with the College of Policing's Approved Professional Practice.

Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer

Derbyshire Constabulary, Headquarters, Butterley Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3RS
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If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to require the Derbyshire Constabulary to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that Derbyshire Constabulary have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. **However, this request must be made within 40 working days from the date of our response.**

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to **Freedom of Information Officer, Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Butterley Hall, RIPLEY, Derbyshire, DE5 3RS** or via email at foi@derbyshire.police.uk

Where possible the Derbyshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days. However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, telephone or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF - Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

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