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Our reference: 01/FOI/25/007717/Z
Your reference:
Date: 27/11/2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007717/Z

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 14/11/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information on drink driving offences and roadside breath testing within your force area.

For clarity, this request relates specifically to drink driving offences under Section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (driving or attempting to drive with alcohol level above the prescribed limit).

If your force records drink driving offences under different offence codes, contravention codes, or internal classifications, please provide the equivalent data for offences relating to driving or attempting to drive over the prescribed alcohol limit.

Please exclude drug driving offences recorded under Section 4 and Section 5A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 where possible. If your recording system does not allow drink driving offences to be separated from drug driving offences, please provide the combined figure and state clearly that the data includes both drink and drug driving offences.

Please provide the following for each calendar month in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

1. The total number of drink driving arrests 2. The total number of roadside breath tests conducted 3. The total number of roadside breath tests where the driver was recorded as being over the legal alcohol limit 4. The highest evidential breath alcohol reading (μg per 100ml) recorded in that month

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.

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Question 1 –

Information held.

Please see attached PDF document for the information you have requested.

Questions 2, 3 and 4 –

Information held.

Please see below information.

<u>2022</u>	total number of roadside breath tests conducted	The total number of roadside breath tests where the driver was recorded as being over the legal alcohol limit	Highest breath alcohol reading (µg per 100ml) recorded in that month (Not evidential)
JAN	314	56	120
FEB	277	61	165
MAR	288	53	159
APR	336	61	161
MAY	330	65	222
JUN	327	53	138
JUL	263	57	154
AUG	252	57	153
SEP	273	64	194
OCT	335	47	191
NOV	297	44	124
DEC	561	76	152
<u>2023</u>	total number of roadside breath tests conducted	The total number of roadside breath tests where the driver was recorded as being over the legal alcohol limit	Highest breath alcohol reading (µg per 100ml) recorded in that month (Not evidential)
JAN	401	66	160
FEB	251	41	173
MAR	276	41	106
APR	230	46	123
MAY	303	56	139
JUN	241	34	146
JUL	245	37	157

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AUG	312	47	154
SEP	348	56	143
OCT	318	60	150
NOV	382	60	154
DEC	548	82	140
2024	total number of roadside breath tests conducted	The total number of roadside breath tests where the driver was recorded as being over the legal alcohol limit	Highest breath alcohol reading (μg per 100ml) recorded in that month (Not evidential)
JAN	282	46	173
FEB	244	30	149
MAR	449	76	168
APR	420	65	156
MAY	381	56	136
JUN	348	66	150
JUL	278	40	155
AUG	249	40	149
SEP	260	45	150
OCT	380	45	165
NOV	355	47	157
DEC	595	81	171

In relation to this data please note the following:

- The data has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime System which is, to all intent a 'living' system in that it is constantly being updated. As such the data can only be verified for the date/time extracted.
- 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 this Constabulary's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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.

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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

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS and COPYRIGHT ISSUES

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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