



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0201

On 13/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to ask how many Officers, Staff and volunteers have disclosed to your Professional Standards Department that they are subject to/respondent in a case of:

- A) A non-molestation order
- B) An occupation order
- C) Stalking Protection Order

Additionally, I would like to know how many of these individuals are currently suspended from duty, on restricted duties or operating without restriction.

If it is not possible to share numbers due to concerns that an individual might be identified, please confirm whether or not you have someone subject to an order without saying how many.

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

Unfortunately there is no way to retrieve the information requested by way of electronic searches. The only way to identify if a court order is recorded as part of, or the result of, an investigation, is to conduct a manual review of PSD files. As there are over 800 files held dating from 2008 to 2022, this would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you can 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.

Under Section 16 of the Act, unfortunately I'm unable to provide any advice for how you could refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12. Even if you reduce the time period, it's unlikely to reduce the number of crimes enough to make a manual review possible.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary