



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0279

On 07/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you provide me with any guidance - either external or internal - which you have (perhaps in paperwork or on your websites) where you reference how the force is dealing with the Cost of Living Crisis.

Examples might be:

- a ban on plugging in personal items (e.g. officers being told not to charge their mobile telephones)
- increase in car parking costs

Basically, anyway to save cash as a result of the COLC.

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

Unfortunately, there is no central location of any potential information for your request. In order to ascertain if the Constabulary has provided any guidance on cost saving measures specifically due to the Cost of Living Crisis, every department would need to be canvassed. This would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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:

- 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.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. As the information could be contained anywhere within the organisation, I'm not able to offer advice on searching specific departments only.

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