



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0451

On 21/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am submitting a revised request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Could I receive any data in a spreadsheet in a csv format, and please can you only consider this request, rather than my previous request for data, which had a different time frame.

I would like to request how many complaints have been made by members of the public against police officers for inappropriate behaviour towards women between January 2021 and March 2023. I am defining inappropriate behaviour as:

- Wolf whistling
- Asking for people's numbers or social media account
- Touching
- Staring
- Taking inappropriate photos
- Flashing

Could I please have the data broken down using the following criteria:

- The year that the incident occurred
- The details of the complaint - e.g. a police officer wolf whistled at a member of the public
- The outcome of the complaint
- Whether the incident happened at a public event - e.g. a protest or a football game

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

Unfortunately, even though the date range has been reduced, it is still not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested –
In order to ascertain whether any of the complaints received fall within the parameters above, a manual review of thousands of records would be required. This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of 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:

- 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.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale further would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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