



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2022.0087

I would firstly like to apologise for the delay in responding to your request. This has been due to an exceedingly high volume of requests and resourcing issues which have impacted both upon the Information Disclosure team and the business areas upon whom we rely to supply the information.

On 20 January 2022 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you answer the following questions for each of these time periods: 2018 (calendar year); 2019 (calendar year); 2020 (calendar year) and 2021 (calendar year):

1) How many disciplinary hearings relating to an officer being accused of abusing their power for purposes of sexual exploitation were held by your force over the requested period?

Please break down this information in terms of the rank of the officer accused of such an offence (for example, but not limited to: police constable, police sergeant, senior officer); a brief description of the offence (for example, but not limited to: attempting to form an inappropriate relationship with a vulnerable woman on the course of duty); if this was a complaint from a member of the public or an internal referral; the outcome in each case (for example, but not limited to: dismissal from force without notice) with rank included; the gender of the accused officer.

I understand if some details have to be withheld but others should be allowed under the act to be disclosed. Please would you be so kind as to act in a spirit of transparency.

2) For each of the time periods, please tell me how many of the accused officers were granted anonymity at the misconduct hearing (telling me- for each case they were granted anonymity- the details of the offence they were charged with; the outcome of the hearing; the gender of the officer; the reason the presiding panel chairperson gave for granting anonymity at the misconduct hearing (along with the name of the presiding officer)).

3) Please could you also provide information on the misconduct panel chair (i.e. their name and gender) for all the misconduct hearings where anonymity was not granted to the accused officer(s).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no information.

I can confirm that a data search has been carried out in respect of the specific questions you posed. There was a nil return.

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,