



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0549

On 16 May 2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1 The number of reports you received in 2022 and 2023, if any, on alleged unofficial Chinese Police Station(s) in your jurisdiction.

2 Whether or not you have an ongoing or concluded investigation into alleged unofficial Chinese Police Station(s).

3 If there is or has been an investigation, please provide details on the names and addresses involved in the investigation, what offences have been alleged, what was the outcome of the investigation, and a timeline of events.

4 Any correspondence you have in relation to alleged unofficial Chinese Police Stations in the UK in 2022 and 2023 ordered by date.

5 The number of reports you received since Jan. 1, 2018, if any, on alleged monitoring, harassment, intimidation, assault, or attempts of extrajudicial extradition by individuals allegedly acting as official or unofficial agents of the Chinese government or Chinese Communist Party.

6 If there have been investigations into alleged monitoring, harassment, intimidation, assault, or attempt of extrajudicial extradition by individuals acting as agents of the Chinese government or Chinese Communist Party since 2018, please provide information on the number of investigations and details of each case including the names, addresses and nationalities of the suspects, the nature of the alleged offences, and the outcomes of the investigations, i.e. prosecution.

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

Regrettably it is not possible to electronically search the systems within the Constabulary to retrieve the information that you seek. In order to locate the information you have requested it would require a manual trawl of the many thousands of incidents recorded since January 1st 2018 to determine whether the information is available for retrieval. In addition, this would also necessitate the manual review of crime recording systems, officer notebooks, emails and prosecution files to locate information that might meet your request. This function would take 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.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I am unable to suggest how you could amend your request in order to access the information you seek.

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,