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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0215

On 16/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could I please have data on phones stolen/on the street thefts in the past five years in Gloucestershire please? For example this includes (but is not inclusive to):

1. How many phone and bag thefts there were reported, broken down by the year and the months these happened.
2. Whether they were stolen on bikes, on foot, in cars etc.
3. The victims location at the time of incident i.e. shopping centre, street, car.
4. Outcome of case i.e. resolved, closed etc.
5. The location and time of these too please.
6. Models of phones reported.

Additionally, if there is any data soon to be released at the end of the this financial year (April 2022- April 2023) on the above information please supply this too. Ideally information will be statistics and/or graphs.

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

Although it's possible to search for the number of crimes which have property items of bag or mobile recorded as stolen, it's not possible to electronically retrieve the information for questions 2 and 3 as there are no specific fields for this data.

As such, a manual review of over 3500 crimes would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain the information requested. This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to 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, duty to assist, I can confirm that the following information can be retrieved from the system:

1. The numbers of crimes recorded whereby a bag and/or mobile phone was stolen.
2. The Police Outcomes of these crime e.g. charge/summons.
3. The Local Policing Area that the offence took place.
4. Models of mobile phones recorded as stolen (where recorded).

If this information would still be useful, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk

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