



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0254

On 01/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In respect of Freedom of Information Requests made by, or on behalf of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), to you on or after 1st March 2022 and which was provided with a definitive response by 28th February 2023.

Can you please disclose

1. the number of such BBC requests; and
2. the detail of each BBC request; and
3. the final response the you provided to the BBC in respect of each request in 2 above.

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

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of our FOI Request spreadsheet for requests received, and subsequently responded to, between the dates of 01/03/2022 and 28/02/2023. Whilst we record the type of applicant i.e. media, student, personal, etc, we do not record the media outlet. As such, we have been able to determine that 475 requests have been received from a media source, but in order to identify the number of those that are specifically from the BBC, a manual review of the records would be required, which would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you can 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 a search could be conducted for the number of requests received for a 1 month period. If this would still be useful, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk specifying which terms you are interested in.

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