



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0269

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

1. How many digital forensic investigators do you employ in your force?
2. What budget was provided to your force for digital forensics in the 2022 fiscal year and do you expect this to increase/decrease for 2023?
3. How many cases on average do you have awaiting digital forensic analysis each month?
4. On average, how much time is spent on digital forensics for each case?
5. How many digital forensic investigators have been signed off for work related mental health in the past year (Jan-Dec 2022)?
6. What proportion of cases are worked by individual DF investigators vs Collaborative teams of investigators working in your DFU or Collaborative teams working remotely?
7. Do you have measures in place to protect the mental health of investigators exposed to potentially traumatic images or evidence? (Yes/No)

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

I can confirm that we have located the following information:

1. Within the Digital Forensic Unit for Gloucestershire Constabulary we have 7 employees, this including one Supervisor.
2. Digital Forensic Unit budget is included within the total Forensic Services budget and therefore cannot be counted separately.
3. No Information Held - the average number of cases awaiting Digital Forensic Analysis varies month to month.
4. No information held – time spent on each case can vary and this is not recorded
5. 0
6. The Digital Forensic Unit predominantly deal with the extractions of data from devices and the Officers in the Case are responsible for analysing their own data, however the DFU Computer investigators do assist with the analysis where required. We are unable to account for how many cases are dealt with by other collaborative teams
7. Yes.

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