



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0271

On 06/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Can I please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Does your force have a specialised missing person unit?
2. If not, which departments/teams are tasked with missing persons reports?
3. How many staff does the missing persons unit have?
4. On average, how many cases of missing persons does the unit deal with per calendar year?
5. What roles exist within the missing persons unit? (For example, desk-based officers or locate officers?)
6. Does the missing person department investigate adult missing persons reports?
7. Does the department investigate low, medium and high-risk cases. If not, please explain?
8. What computer system do you use to log missing person cases?
9. Does your force have a missing person policy - is it different to the APP?
 - a. If yes, can you please share a link to the policy please.

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

1. No.
2. Specialist missing person investigators sit within Response teams and deal with live missing investigations. Where the cases are complex or there is an ongoing high risk, these are referred to CID. Additional non-live functions are dealt with by the Child Exploitation Missing and Mental Health and Safeguarding Adults Missing and Mental Health teams. The SAMM team will also review inactive missing reports.
3. N/A
4. Approximately 5,500 per calendar year.
5. Missing person investigations are additional duties for the Response and CID teams.
6. Both adult and child cases are dealt with by the Response and CID teams.
7. All risk levels are investigated
8. Gloucestershire Constabulary uses both the Incident Recording System and the missing persons system Compact for the recording of missing persons.
9. Yes – it is largely consistent with the APP with the exception of some local multi-agency agreements.
- 9a. Please see the attached policy document:

- Missing Persons Guidance and Policy V5b - re-written (1).pdf

Whilst this is the current document, it is under review and a new policy document will be published shortly. There is no set date for publication as yet, but I have been advised that it is in the near future.

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