



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0323

On 20/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. How many callouts did the force attend at GP practices in each of the last four calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)?

2. How many of these callouts were for:

- A) Anti-social behaviour
- B) Violence against a person C01
- C) Criminal damage C06

*Please note we do not wish to include any calls relating to section 136 of the Mental Health Act in this data.

3. How many recorded crimes were there at GP practices in your area in each of the last four calendar years? If possible, please also break down the figures by category of crime.

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

Unfortunately there is no way of electronically searching for the information you have requested. The Incident Recording System does not have a tag for GP practices, therefore in order to ascertain incidents that relate to such locations, and to identify those where a resource has been deployed, a manual review of all incidents for the years requested would be required. Given that the Constabulary records approximately 500 incidents per day, this would clearly take far 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.

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

By utilising the Crime Recording System, we would be able to search for information in answer to question 3 of your original request. If this information would be of use to you, you can submit a new request on this basis.

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