



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0390

On 11/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I'm requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the following:

1. How many police officers and staff in your force have been reported for coercive control from January 2018 to December 2022?
2. How many of these reports resulted in any sort of professional disciplinary action of an officer or staff member?
3. How many of these reports resulted in a conviction of an officer/staff member?
4. How many of these reported officers/staff were removed/dismissed from the job?
5. How many of these reported officers/staff members are still part of your force?

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically retrieve the information you have requested.

Although the crime recording system can, and does, capture information surrounding the occupation of an offender, it's not possible to accurately report on this.

The occupation field within the system is free text and non-mandatory. As such, the field is not always completed. This field is held within the Person Record on the system and although this links to the Crime Record, it's only possible for the reporting function to retrieve the most recent occupation, which is likely to therefore be inaccurate. For example, a person could come to police notice in 2018 with the occupation of Administrator and then again in 2019 and the occupation was recorded as Police Officer/employee. The system would retrieve both crimes as occurring with the offender having an occupation of Police Officer/employee, which would be incorrect. The opposite is also possible; a person could come to police notice in 2019 with an occupation of Police Officer/employee but in 2020, it's recorded as Administrator. In this example, neither crime would be retrieved from the search for an offender with an occupation of Police

Officer/employee. It's also possible for the offender's occupation to not be recorded at all, which obviously would not be retrieved from a search.

As such, in order to accurately provide any relevant information, a manual review of all crimes for the period of 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2022 would be required, to ascertain if we hold any information relating to crimes where the offender was a Police Officer/employee.

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 of the Act, I can confirm that a search of records held by the Professional Standards Department could be conducted for investigations they have carried out where coercive control has been cited. If this would be useful to you and you wish to submit a new request on this basis, please let us know.

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