



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0397

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

I am currently conducting some research into child sexual exploitation and around missing young people.

1. I am requesting information on how many crimes of child sexual exploitation there have been along with how many victims there have been.
 - 1a. I would also like to know the gender of the victims along with the age range.
2. I am also requesting information around how many young people have been reported missing along with gender and age.
 - 2a. I would also like to know how many of these young people are within the care system.
3. Also I'm looking to see if there is a link between missing young people and child sexual exploitation.

I would like the following time/date periods:

01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021

01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022

You provided clarification of which offences you would like a search conducted on 13/04/2023.

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested in relation to if there is a link between Child Sexual Exploitation and missing young people. In order to retrieve the requested information would involve manually reviewing over 3355 records, which would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to 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, we would be able to provide you with answers for questions 1, 1a, 2, 2a. If this would still assist, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk stating which terms you would like us to search. Please ensure that the terms requested are not generic terms that could be used in general discussion nor that form part of other words as this will hinder the search.

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