



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0398

On 12/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

How many people whose profession was to deliver goods, ie delivery drivers (for example Deliveroo drivers, DPD drivers, post men) have been convicted of sexual harassment in the years:

- 2023 (to April 1)
- 2022
- 2021
- 2020
- 2019
- 2018

How many people whose profession was to deliver goods, ie delivery drivers (for example Deliveroo drivers, DPD drivers, post men) have been convicted of sexual assault in the years:

- 2023 (to April 1)
- 2022
- 2021
- 2020
- 2019
- 2018

How many people whose profession was to deliver goods, ie delivery drivers (for example Deliveroo drivers, DPD drivers, post men) have been convicted of rape in the years:

- 2023 (to April 1)
- 2022
- 2021
- 2020
- 2019
- 2018

You subsequently clarified your request as follows:

Please could it be altered to say "the number of crimes and charges in relation to those crimes" rather than "the number of convictions"?

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.

I can confirm that although the crime recording system has a field for the occupation of an individual, crime statistics cannot be retrieved based on an occupation. This is because the occupation of an individual is held on the Person record and when searching for specific offences recorded whereby the offender has a certain occupation, the system can only bring back the current occupation.

The occupation field is non-mandatory and free text and therefore is not always filled in a could have various spellings or terms used for the same occupation. The field is also overwritten each time it is updated. As such, if a person had their occupation recorded as Teacher in 2018 but this was updated to Personal Assistant in 2020, it wouldn't be accurate to link the crime recorded in 2018 to a search for offences whereby the offender was a Personal Assistant.

As such, in order to accurately retrieve any relevant information, a manual review of all sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape crimes would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain if the suspect/offender's occupation has been recorded as Delivery Driver. As this would involve manually reviewing hundreds of records, 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.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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