



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0433

On 19/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Regarding arrests of people protesting under the banners of Extinction Rebellion, Insulate Britain, Just Stop Oil or Animal Rebellion (now Animal Rising). That took place between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022

I would like the following information

1. The date of arrest
2. The banner under which the person protested (IB, JSO, XR etc)
3. The place of protest
4. The ethnicity of the people arrested
5. The home town / village of the people arrested
6. The age of the people arrested
7. How many of the protestors were charged

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.

There is no field on the Custody Recording system that might denote that a detainee was alleged to have committed an offence specifically at a protest. Given that there is no specific offence that is likely to have allegedly occurred at a protest, the only way to denote if the Constabulary holds any relevant information would be to manually review all custody records for the time period requested. As the Constabulary recorded in excess of 7900 detentions in 2022, 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