



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0458

On 25/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I'm writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. What percentage of crimes reported to your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were domestic-abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
2. What percentage of crimes reported to your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
3. What percentage of callouts made by your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were for domestic abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
4. What percentage of callouts made by your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were for rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
5. What percentage of your budget between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 went on domestic abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
6. What percentage of your budget between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 went on rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

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.

When a member of the public contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an Incident will be recorded on the Incident Recording System. If it is then deemed to fall within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime, it will then be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

The Incident Recording System is largely free text and therefore it's reporting function is limited. There is no specific tag/category for reports of rape. Therefore, in order to ascertain how many incidents were recorded relating to allegations of rape, a manual review of all incidents for the time period 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.

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, I can confirm that the following information is retrievable:

No. of crimes recorded that were tagged as domestic abuse.

No. of crimes recorded with the offence of rape.

No. of Incidents recorded that were tagged as domestic in nature (please note that this information does not correlate to the crimes tagged as domestic)

It may also be possible to retrieve the budget information.

If this would still be useful, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk

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