



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0460

On 26/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under Freedom of Information laws, please provide the number of incidents reported to your police force involving the test of the UK Emergency Alerts system on Sunday April 23, 2023.

For each incident, please include a summary of what happened and the outcome of any investigation - ie. No suspect(s) identified; if suspect(s) arrested whether they were charged; cautioned; or no further action was taken.

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

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

Neither system has a tag or category denoting such potential reports relating to the test of the UK Emergency Alerts system. In order to ascertain whether any information is held, a manual review of hundreds of incidents and crimes would be required. This would take 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.

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