



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0465

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

Please can you provide me with a breakdown of Special Constable numbers, broken down by their individual patrol status.

For example, the count of current members of your Special Constabulary who are Accompanied Patrol Status (APS), Directed Patrol Status (DPS), Qualified Special Constable (QSC), or Qualified Special Constable - Full (QSC-F).

If you have not adopted the Policing Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF) for your Special Constabulary, please provide the breakdown of officers who have achieved Independent Patrol Status (IPS) and those who have not.

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

Gloucestershire Constabulary adopted and implemented the PEQF in December 2020. We have also have an Occupational Competency Portfolio (OCP) from APS to DPS which has been adopted across Neighbourhood Policing, Response and Roads Policing. Once a Special Constable has successfully completed their OCP, they will continue to work towards QSC in one of the three areas.

The current PEQF figures, based on a total of 125 Special Constables, are:

55 APS across all three areas.

Neighbourhood Policing:

22 DPS

45 QSC

Response:

44 DPS

26 QSC

Roads Policing:

52 DPS

18 QSC

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