



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0493

On 04/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could I request the following information about victims of modern slavery who have been referred to the National Referral Mechanism by the force from April 2022 to April 2023.

1. How many of those referred were working in the care sector?
2. How many of those referred were students at a UK school, college or university?

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.

Although information can be followed from reporting of information to an outcome on an individual basis with regard to referrals to the National Referral Mechanism, there is no central record. Therefore, statistics cannot be electronically retrieved.

It has been estimated that the time it would take to manually review records to ascertain the information you are requesting would take longer than the 18 hours allowed under 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.

Under Section 16 duty to assist, unfortunately reducing the timescale will not reduce the work involved to retrieve any potentially relevant information enough to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act.

It has been suggested that you may be able to obtain the requested information from the Single Competent Authority. Details of how to make an FOI request to Government Agencies can be found on their website [here](#).

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