



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0526

On 10/05/2023, you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek access to the following information about thefts from local airfields. I would like to know:

1. How many thefts from airfields within your jurisdiction have been reported in the last three years (2021, 2022 and 2023 so far)?
2. For each year, I would like to request a breakdown of these thefts that includes:
 - The date of the theft
 - The location of the theft
 - The type of equipment stolen (for example, an engine)
 - And the manufacturer of the stolen equipment.

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested in relation to thefts from airfields. As there is no tag of 'Airfields' on the Crime Recording System within Gloucestershire Constabulary force area. In order to retrieve the requested information would involve manually reviewing thousands reports to identify the location of where thefts occurred, which would take 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 a refined search of the Crime Recording System can be conducted for the following:

- The MO code for Airport.
- A keyword search of the MOs of 'Airfields'
- If you are able to provide any relevant locations which can assist with the searches.

If this would still assist, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk stating which terms you would like us to search.

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