



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0537

On 15/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Request:

- Please provide a list of murders which have occurred within the past one whole year - from 12 May 2022 to 12 May 2023, with the following details:
- The name and date of birth of the deceased (or age)
- The nearest Town or City where the incident happened
- A brief circumstance of the murder/MO (The victim was stabbed to death/The victim received gunshot wounds). If the cause of death is unknown, please provide a brief circumstance of how the deceased may have been found.

(!) If the investigation is ongoing with no suspect identified, or you feel that providing the circumstances may jeopardise the investigation, please highlight this next to each entry.

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

I can confirm that there were 5 murder offences recorded from 12/05/2022 to 12/05/2023 by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Section 17 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.

The following exemptions apply:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible by other means

The above exemption is absolute and class-based and therefore no Public Interest Test or Harm Test is required.

The information that you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt by virtue of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For ease of reference, I have included links below to articles relevant to your request.

[Man given indefinite hospital order after stabbing man to death | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)

[Killer of Emma Potter given life sentence for murder | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)

[Family of 'caring... dynamic' Beatrice Corry pay tribute and call for more work to address matricide | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)

[Man who died after being found in car park of Stroud supermarket named | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)

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With regards to the 5th identified crime, the following exemptions apply:

Section 30 – Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities

Section 30 is a qualified, class based exemption and therefore a public interest test is required.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure of this information may provide the public with an awareness of any patterns in relation to this type of crime and help to inform public debate on this subject.

Factors against Disclosure

All of the information gathered forms part of an investigation which may be ongoing and any disclosure could undermine the effectiveness of the investigation. Victims will be identifiable from the information disclosed, thereby causing further distress to family and friends and may deter individuals from reporting future instances of harm to the Police. This will hinder the prevention and detection of crime.

Balance Test

The Police Service is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. The effectiveness of investigations and the intelligence they provide is of paramount importance and the Police service will not divulge details that would compromise ongoing investigations or the prevention and detection of crime.

For the reasons set out above it is our opinion that the balance test is in favour of withholding the requested information.

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