



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0579

On 26/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you.

1. The number of times police officers attended further education and sixth form colleges Gloucestershire Constabulary after a callout to them in the three years to the date of your reply. This should be broken down into the kind of institution that made the call (ie, a further education college etc), and what sort of conduct the call was referring to.
2. The number of occasions police made arrests in this time. This should include how many people were arrested on each occasion, and the most frequent reasons arrests were made (ie ranked in order of magnitude)
3. A breakdown of how many times your Gloucestershire Constabulary attended each further education college and sixth form college following a call from the public or the college in the last three years to the date of your reply.

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 the number of times police officers have attended places of further education and sixth form colleges. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of thousands of incidents would be required. Please be advised that we record approximately 500 incidents per day, 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 that a search of the crime recording system can be conducted for substantiated crimes where the MO location code for College/University is recorded, from the results we can provide a breakdown of the offence recorded.

If this would still assist, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk.

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.