



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0593

On 02/06/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Operation Safeguard

Please provide me with the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

1 Frequency of cell use

1a The number of occasions on which the force's cells have been used to house prisoners under the terms of Operation Safeguard in the following time periods:

- i. the calendar year 2022;
- ii. the period from 1st January 2023 to 6th March 2023;
- iii. the period from 6th March 2023 to present.

In the event data is not available for periods (b) or (c), please provide the number for the most recent available time period, and specify the dates covered.

1b If held, please list the occasions on which cells were used by Operation Safeguard in the periods specified in i, ii and iii, including the name of the custody location and the date(s) on which the cells were used.

2 Number of cells

Please confirm the number of cells requested by the Ministry of Justice / HMPPS under Operation Safeguard in 2023.

3 Costs of Operation Safeguard

3a Please confirm whether any costs have been incurred by the force as a result of cells being used during Operation Safeguard in 2022 or 2023.

3b In the event costs have been incurred, please confirm whether the force is recapturing costs from HMPPS or the MOJ.

3c If the answer to 3a or 3b is yes, please provide the total figure for:

- i) costs incurred
- ii) reimbursement requested from the MOJ

iii) costs recaptured.

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

1a.

- i. 0
- ii. 0
- iii. 0

1b. N/A

2. Gloucestershire Constabulary have offered 12 cells for Operation Safeguard use.

3a. Yes, some costs have been incurred by the force.

3b. Yes, Gloucestershire Constabulary are recapturing the costs

3c. No Information Held – the total costs are not yet available as the claims are still being processed. Under S.16 of the Act – duty to assist, may I advise you to resubmit this part of your request at a later date, for example in one month. Further enquiries can then be made to determine if the information is held by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

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