



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0612

On 07/06/2023, you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to stop and searches. I would like the information to be broken down according to year and police force(s).

I would like to request the following information:

1. How many complaints you have received about stop and searches in the following time periods:
 - 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018
 - 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020
 - 1 August 2022 to 07 June 2023
2. A breakdown of the allegations made in each complaint.
3. What the outcome was of each complaint.

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested in relation to how many complaints about stop and searches in the stated time frames. In order to retrieve the requested information would involve manually reviewing over 867 records, 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 search of complaints of stop and searches can be conducted from 01/01/2020 till year to date. If this would still assist, please submit a new 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.