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Our reference: FOI_2023.0724

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0274

On 13/07/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Amount spent on flights by your force in 2020, 2021, 2022 (broken down by year, and month)

Amount spent on flights by your force from 1st January - 1st July 2023 (broken down by month if possible)

Flights broken down by whether they are "economy class", "business class", "first class" and "premium cabin"

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

Following receipt of your request, searches have been conducted with the relevant department. Whilst the cost and date of all flights booked can be electronically retrieved, the flight class cannot. Where a flight has been booked outside of the travel management and booking system, the information requested is not electronically retrievable and would require a manual review of all receipts – for any claim – submitted to the department to determine if the information is recorded. It has been estimated that this part of the request would far exceed the permitted time constraints, therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

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.

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. I trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Some of the information requested can be electronically retrieved from the travel booking and management system and has been listed below.

Month/Year	Total Cost
Jan 2020	£117.98
Feb 2020	£127.98
Mar 2020	£3,004.14
Sept 2020	£1,443.56
May 2021	£2,300.11
Oct 2021	£233.94
May 2022	£343.98
Jun 2022	£1,148.96
Jul 2022	£7,901.00
Aug 2022	£10,198.76
Sept 2022	£647.32
Oct 2022	£88.98
Nov 2022	£303.94

Dec 2022	£207.96
Jan 2023	£803.92
Feb 2023	£307.92
Mar 2023	£337.92
Apr 2023	£930.92
May 2023	£803.80
Jul 2023	£290.94

Flight Class	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Business - Economy	0	1	0	0	1
Economy	11	3	33	20	67

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.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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