



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.0829

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0829

On 15/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Q1: How many police officers have been assaulted while working in the past 5 years? How many in: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 so far?

Q2: How many police officers have required medical attention due to assaults against them at work during the past 5 years? How many in: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 so far?

Q3: How many police officers have required time off work for mental or physical health recovery resulting from assaults against them at work during the past 5 years? How many in: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 so far?

Q4: How many police officers have been assaulted while working over the past 8 months? How many in: January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023?

Q5: How many police officers have required medical attention due to assaults against them at work during the past 8 months? How many in: January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023?

Q6: How many police officers have required time off work for mental or physical health recovery resulting from assaults against them at work during the past 8 months? How many in: January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023?

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information requested in relation to police officers requiring time off work for mental or physical health recovering from assaults against them, as there is no central register which states the causes of sickness. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of all police officers records would need to be conducted 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, a search on the crime recording system can be conducted for the assault constable, Assault with/without injury on a constable and Assault Constable and Assault person assisting constable for the years previously requested. A search can be conducted for how many police officers have required medical attention due to the assaults.

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.

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 –

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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