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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0844**

On 19/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like the following information about your force's use of powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. I would like to know:

CPNs:

1. - The number of Community Protection Notices (CPNs) issued in the year 01/08/2022 - 31/07/2023. Please provide any easily extractable data about the subject of these CPNs.
2. - The number of charges or summonses for breaching a CPN. Please if possible provide a breakdown of all disposal outcomes for offences of breaching a CPN.

PSPOs:

3. - The number of charges or summonses for the offence of breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the year 01/08/2022 - 31/07/2023. Please if possible provide a breakdown of all disposal outcomes for offences of breaching a PSPO. Please provide any easily extractable data about the PSPO offence and the ward area.
4. - Please state whether your force is using dispersal powers issued by councils under PSPOs. If so, provide any data on the number of PSPO dispersal notices issued to individuals in the year 01/08/2022 - 31/07/2023.
5. - Please provide any existing records of incidents of alcohol confiscation under PSPOs in the period 01/08/2022 - 31/07/2023.

Dispersal orders:

6. - If possible, please state the number of dispersal zones declared in the year 01/08/2022 - 31/07/2023. Please provide any data about the reasons for declaring these dispersal zones.

7. - Please state the number of orders to disperse issued to individuals in the period 01/08/2022 - 31/07/2023. Please provide any available data about the reasons for issuing these orders to disperse.

Internal/external evaluations of CPNs, PSPOs or dispersal notices:

8. Has your force completed any internal or external evaluation of the use of CPNs, PSPOs or dispersal notices? If so, please provide a copy of any reports, evaluations, or minutes of meetings where these orders have been discussed.

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

Unfortunately, there is no central record for Community Protection Notices, Public Spaces Protection Orders and dispersal orders. They are managed by Neighbourhood Policing Teams and to determine if any relevant information is held, all Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Officers Pocket Notebooks would need to manually reviewed.

Even by narrowing this request down to those most likely to potentially hold this information, or reducing the timescale of the request, we have 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

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 of the act I would like to take this opportunity to advise you that Community Protection Notices are issued by the local council.

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

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

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Gloucestershire Constabulary