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Our reference: FOI_2023_0908

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0908

On 13/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. For the crime of residential burglary, how many crimes included a visit to the property which was reported to have been burgled. Please supply the data for 2018-2022 inclusive and the overall number of residential burglaries reported in each year. If you cannot supply all years, please provide those which you can within the time limit.
2. Please provide a monthly breakdown for the number of burglaries recorded in January to August 2023 and the number which received visits from police officers.
3. If you are unable to provide data for question 1 and 2, please provide an explanation on how you are measuring the NPCC's announcement on June 8th 2023 that all burglaries are now receiving a visit from a police officer [Link:
<https://qbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.npcc.police.uk%2Fnews%2Fpolice-now-attending-scene-of-every-home-burglary&data=05%7C01%7CFreedom.Information%40gloucestershire.police.uk%7C1c0bc31fa9e04fadb67d08dbb43735f3%7Cd4936c562d8640769ba6ea6bfd965203%7C0%7C0%7C638301921451711661%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oRAMOtqHA98CtMa04kFn7u9uEw%2F02xitaA%2B8JB1n0rQ%3D&reserved=0>]
4. Please provide how many police officers attended a premise where shoplifting had been reported. Please supply the data for 2018-2022 inclusive and the overall number of shoplifting cases reported in each year. Please also provide a year to September figure for 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 incidents where residential burglaries and shoplifting offences have had a visit from police officers following the incident from 01/01/2018 – 12/09/2023. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information, a manual review of 18,422 incidents would need to be reviewed as there is not facility to breakdown if the incident was attended by a police officer. The manual review 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.

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Under Section 16, duty to assist, a search of the crime recording system can be conducted for crimes of residential burglary and shoplifting including the monthly and annual breakdowns of the offences recorded.

If this would assist, please submit a new request 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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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