



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.0965

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Date: 27/10/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0965

On 29/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

[...] We want to try to get a sense of what the current provision is nationally, and if at all possible, how that's changed over the last 10-15 years.

I'm conscious that this might be a very large request - if it's a bit much, please do advise on how I could shape the request so that it would be feasible for you to answer.

I would be very grateful if this information could be provided in the form of an Excel spreadsheet, or otherwise in table form.

1. How many stations or bases are there within the force's estate?
2. How many stations or bases have been closed since 2010? Please note relocations and reopenings.
3. Does the force currently operate any canteens or other provision for hot food at any of its sites?
4. Have any canteens or other provision for hot food been closed or otherwise discontinued since 2010? When did this take place?
5. How many vending machines for food and drink does the force operate, and at which sites?
6. How many dedicated rest/break spaces with seating areas are there within the police estate, and at which sites?
7. How many kitchenette areas/tea points where employees can make hot drinks and microwave food are there within the police estate, and at which sites?
8. Are there any stations or bases without any of the following: provision for hot food, vending machines, or kitchenette areas?

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

1. Section 17 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.

The following exemptions apply:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible by other means

The above exemption is absolute and class-based and therefore no Public Interest Test or Harm Test is required.

The information that you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt by virtue of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Details of the Constabulary's police stations can be located on the Constabulary Website [here](#).

2. Between 2010 and 2011 there have been no police stations that have closed. From 2011 – 2023 this information is exempt under Section 21.

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3. Yes the force currently has canteens or other provisions for hot food.

4. Yes 3 canteens or other provisions for hot food has closed.

5. The vending machines are not operated by Gloucestershire Constabulary and our estates department has estimated that there is an average 1 per site.

6. There are rest/breakout areas at every site.

7. There are kitchenette areas/tea points at every site and our estates department has estimated there are 25.

8. There are no stations or bases without any of the following: provisions for hot food, vending machines or kitchenette areas.

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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