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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0978

On 05/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by individuals in 2022/23?
2. How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by foreign nationals in your force area 2022/23?
3. If possible could you provide a breakdown of these crimes and the countries these individuals are from?
4. How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by individuals in 2021/22?
5. How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by foreign nationals in your force area 2021/22?
6. If possible could you provide a breakdown of these crimes and the countries these individuals are from?
7. How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by individuals in 2020/21?
8. How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by foreign nationals in your force area 2020/21?
9. If possible could you provide a breakdown of these crimes and the countries these individuals are from?

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

The Crime Recording system does not have a field specifically relating to the nationality of a suspect/offender and therefore there is no set way in which this may be recorded within the crime record, if it's recorded at all.

Therefore, in order to ascertain if the Constabulary holds any relevant information, the electronic/paper crime files of all crimes recorded for the time period specified would be required. This would involve manually reviewing thousands of records, which would clearly take far 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, I can confirm that the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System has a non-mandatory field to record a detainee's nationality. Please note that this system does not correlate statistically to the crime recording system. However, it may be possible to retrieve the number of detained people whom the Constabulary has recorded as having a nationality other than British (where recorded). It would then be possible to ascertain if any positive police outcomes, such as a charge, were brought against these individuals and what offence they were charged with. This search would not retrieve any crimes recorded whereby a suspect that did not receive a positive police action e.g. NFA, was recorded with a nationality other than British.

If this information would still be useful, 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
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Yours sincerely,

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