



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1045

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Date: 20/11/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1045

On 24/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to specialist police officers who have received training on flags.

This relates to this Tweet from the Met Police during the recent pro-Palestine protest in London.

Specifically, I would like to know:

How many police officers in your force are designated as having specialist knowledge of flags?

- What training do these specialist officers receive regarding flags? Please provide details on the content and duration of any courses or training programs.
- What is the cost associated with providing this specialist flag training per officer? Please break down costs into categories such as course fees, travel/accommodation expenses etc.
- Do you utilize external providers to deliver this training? If so, please provide the names of the training companies/organisations used and the costs paid to them.
- How many specialist flag officers have you had in the past 5 years?

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm a search of officers training records have been conducted to identify those having specialist knowledge of flags. This has returned a nil result.

As a result, the appropriate response for the remainder of the request is no information held by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

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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Yours sincerely,

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