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Our reference: FOI_23_1071

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1071

On 03/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could you provide the following under the Freedom of Information Act about prisoners being held temporarily in police cells:

1. How many times in the annual year 2023, up until receipt of this email, has your police force used a cell to house a prisoner?
2. How many prisoners has your police force housed in cells in 2023?
3. What was your police force's 2023 overtime bill for housing prisoners in police cells?
4. How much has your police force been paid by the Ministry of Justice to provide cells for prisoners in 2023?

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

1. There have been 2 occasions this year whereby the Constabulary have had cause to house Operation Safeguard detainees.
2. This equated to a total of 5 prisoners.
3. Up until October 2023, the Constabulary has spent £167,565 on both police officer and police staff overtime. The payments from Operation Safeguard have covered this.
4. From March to October 2023, the Constabulary will receive £1,424,786 for Operation Safeguard so far.

Please note that the above figures for questions 3 and 4 relate to actual figures so far this year. As at the date of your request, overtime for October and November was still being processed, to be paid in November and December. Similarly, the Constabulary will receive one more payment for Operation Safeguard that is not included in the above figure.

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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