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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1181

On 08/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: Q1: How many police officers have been assaulted while working in the past 10 years? (2013-2023)

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Q2: How many police officers have required medical attention due to assaults against them at work during the past 10 years? (2013-2023)

REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: Q3: How many police officers have required time off work for mental or physical health recovery resulting from assaults against them at work during the past 10 years? (2013-2023)

REQUEST 4:

What would you like to know?: Q4: How many police officers have been assaulted while working over the past 12 months? How many in: January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023

REQUEST 5:

What would you like to know?: Q5: How many police officers have required medical attention due to assaults against them at work during the past 12 months? How many in: January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023

REQUEST 6:

What would you like to know?: Q6: How many police officers have required time off work for mental or physical health recovery resulting from assaults against them at work during the past 12 months? How many in: January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023

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

Unfortunately, it is not electronically possible to search for how many police officers have required time off work for mental or physical health recovery resulting from assaults against during work from 2013 to 2023, in order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of 1462 records and would need review each individual police officers absence records and to review each record of sickness to determine if that period of sickness was a result of the assault during work. This manual review would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

When applying the Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so

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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of the Force internal systems for police officer assaults which took place between 01/01/2013 – 10/12/2023, this search has included the injury outcome and whether medical assistance was required.

In a consolidated response please see the below tables:

MonthYear	Hospitalised < 24hrs	Hospitalised 1 day	Hospitalised 2 days	No Details	Not Hospitalised	Total
Jan-13	5	0	0	4	0	9
Feb-13	2	0	0	5	0	7
Mar-13	1	0	0	7	0	8
Apr-13	2	0	0	7	0	9
May-13	1	0	0	9	0	10
Jun-13	1	0	0	3	0	4
Jul-13	1	0	0	5	0	6
Aug-13	2	0	0	0	5	7
Sep-13	1	0	0	0	3	4
Oct-13	3	0	0	0	2	5
Nov-13	1	0	0	1	3	5
Dec-13	0	1	0	0	11	12
Jan-14	2	0	0	0	10	12
Feb-14	0	0	0	1	8	9

Mar-14	0	0	0	0	4	4
Apr-14	1	0	0	4	8	13
May-14	2	0	0	0	5	7
Jun-14	2	0	0	0	3	5
Jul-14	0	0	0	0	5	5
Aug-14	0	0	0	0	3	3
Sep-14	5	0	0	1	3	9
Oct-14	0	0	0	0	10	10
Nov-14	0	0	0	1	2	3
Dec-14	1	0	0	0	3	4
Jan-15	0	0	0	0	5	5
Feb-15	1	0	0	0	3	4
Mar-15	1	0	0	0	1	2
Apr-15	0	0	1	0	7	8
May-15	1	0	0	1	10	12
Jun-15	2	0	0	0	9	11
Jul-15	0	0	0	0	5	5
Aug-15	0	0	0	0	3	3
Sep-15	0	0	0	0	4	4
Oct-15	2	0	0	0	9	11
Nov-15	2	0	0	0	8	10
Dec-15	1	0	0	1	3	5
Jan-16	1	0	0	1	4	6
Feb-16	1	0	0	0	5	6
Mar-16	0	0	0	0	9	9
Apr-16	1	0	0	0	6	7
May-16	1	0	0	0	18	19
Jun-16	0	0	0	0	8	8
Jul-16	0	0	0	0	6	6
Aug-16	0	0	0	0	4	4
Sep-16	0	0	0	0	8	8
Oct-16	2	0	0	0	16	18
Nov-16	0	0	0	0	12	12
Dec-16	0	0	0	1	5	6
Jan-17	0	0	0	0	4	4

Feb-17	1	0	0	0	11	12
Mar-17	0	0	0	0	9	9
Apr-17	0	0	0	0	5	5
May-17	1	0	0	0	3	4
Jun-17	2	0	0	0	6	8
Jul-17	1	0	0	0	5	6
Aug-17	0	0	0	0	9	9
Sep-17	0	0	0	0	8	8
Oct-17	0	0	0	0	13	13
Nov-17	0	0	0	2	12	14
Dec-17	0	0	0	1	10	11
Jan-18	1	0	0	0	8	9
Feb-18	1	0	0	0	8	9
Mar-18	4	0	0	1	12	17
Apr-18	0	0	0	2	6	8
May-18	0	0	0	0	11	11
Jun-18	3	0	0	0	19	22
Jul-18	0	0	0	0	9	9
Aug-18	1	0	0	1	10	12
Sep-18	1	0	0	0	3	4
Oct-18	1	0	0	0	5	6
Nov-18	0	0	0	0	5	5
Dec-18	0	0	0	0	13	13
Jan-19	0	0	0	1	7	8
Feb-19	1	0	0	0	4	5
Mar-19	3	0	0	0	17	20
Apr-19	0	0	0	1	10	11
May-19	0	0	0	0	7	7
Jun-19	3	0	0	0	8	11
Jul-19	0	0	0	0	8	8
Aug-19	6	0	0	1	19	26
Sep-19	0	0	0	0	4	4
Oct-19	0	0	0	0	24	24
Nov-19	4	0	0	1	13	18
Dec-19	0	0	0	0	8	8

Jan-20	0	0	0	1	16	17
Feb-20	0	0	0	0	3	3
Mar-20	1	0	0	0	15	16
Apr-20	0	0	0	0	3	3
May-20	0	0	0	0	12	12
Jun-20	1	0	0	0	13	14
Jul-20	0	0	0	0	15	15
Aug-20	1	0	0	0	26	27
Sep-20	0	0	0	0	7	7
Oct-20	2	0	0	0	12	14
Nov-20	0	0	0	0	15	15
Dec-20	1	0	0	2	11	14
Jan-21	0	0	0	0	7	7
Feb-21	2	0	0	1	8	11
Mar-21	0	0	0	2	8	10
Apr-21	3	0	0	0	20	23
May-21	0	0	0	0	13	13
Jun-21	0	0	0	2	9	11
Jul-21	0	0	0	2	22	24
Aug-21	1	0	0	1	9	11
Sep-21	2	0	0	1	18	21
Oct-21	0	0	0	1	23	24
Nov-21	0	0	0	0	15	15
Dec-21	1	0	0	0	19	20
Jan-22	1	0	0	0	9	10
Feb-22	1	0	0	3	21	25
Mar-22	0	0	0	0	14	14
Apr-22	0	0	0	0	6	6
May-22	0	0	0	0	15	15
Jun-22	3	0	0	0	14	17
Jul-22	2	0	0	0	5	7
Aug-22	2	0	0	0	17	19
Sep-22	1	0	0	0	15	16
Oct-22	0	0	0	0	22	22
Nov-22	1	0	0	0	8	9

Dec-22	1	0	0	0	15	16
Total	110	1	1	79	1069	1260

MonthYear	Hospitalised - More than a 1 Night Stay	Not Hospitalised - First Aid Administered	Visit to Accident and Emergency	Total
Jan-23	0	16	1	17
Feb-23	0	12	3	15
Mar-23	0	13	2	15
Apr-23	0	10	2	12
May-23	1	9	5	15
Jun-23	0	12	0	12
Jul-23	0	23	2	25
Aug-23	0	19	1	20
Sep-23	0	11	2	13
Oct-23	0	29	5	34
Nov-23	0	19	0	19
Dec-23	0	4	1	5
Total	1	177	24	202

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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