



Your reference: N/A  
Our reference: FOI\_2023.1210  
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Date: 18/01/2023

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1210**

On 18/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Can I please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Please supply the numbers of women who were killed by a partner/relative/friend who had previous contact with your police force in the 12 months prior to their death. Please give an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2023 or the last available data.
2. Please provide the number of people who died from suspected victim homicides and who had contact with your police forces in the 12 months before their death. Please give an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2023 or the latest available data.
3. Please provide figures of domestic violence survivors who your force ranked as high risk. Please provide the figure as an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2023 or the latest available data.

If there is an issue of exceeding the time limits, please prioritise giving an answer to question 1 and 2

Clarification and an amendment received

I sent a FOI request dated 18 December. I have made a minor adjustment to clarify my request. Please see the amended version below.

Can I please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Please supply the numbers of women who were killed by a partner/relative/friend who had previous contact with your police force in the 12 months prior to their death. To clarify please attempt to identify offence(s) where both the victim and the suspect had had

previous contact with the police for domestic abuse in relation to each other. Please give an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2023 or the last available data.

2. Please provide the number of people who died from suspected victim homicides ( by this refer to suspected suicides where there is suspicion that a partner/relative/friend was a cause in their death due to domestic abuse) and who had contact with your police forces in the 12 months before thier death. Please give an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2023 or the latest available data.

3. Please provide figures of domestic violence suvivors who your force ranked as high risk. Please provide the figure as an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2023 or the latest available data.

If there is an issue of exceeding the time limits, please priotise giving an answer to question 1 and 2.

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information requested regarding the number of people who died from suspected victim homicides (by this refer to suspected suicides where there is suspicion that a partner/relative/friend was a cause in their death due to domestic abuse) and who have had contact with Gloucestershire Constabulary in the 12 months before their death between the dates of 2018 – 2023. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information, we would need to manual review where there may be coroners' information that confirms the cause of death as suicides. Following this a manual review of the records to see if there were contact within the 12 months before their deaths. This manual review would take 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.

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

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3. Please provide figures of domestic violence survivors who your force ranked as high risk. Please provide the figure as an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2023 or the latest available data.

If this would still assist, please submit a new FOI request to [foi@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary