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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1218

On 20/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

For the period 24th February 2022 to 23th February 2023 and for the period 24th February 2023 to 19th December 2023;

- 1) The number of race hate crimes recorded where the victim's nationality was Ukrainian
- 2) A brief description of each crime listed in your answer to question 1 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)
- 3) The number of reported crimes which mentioned "Ukraine" or "Ukrainian" in the MO field of the crime report
- 4) A brief summary of each reported crime listed in your answer to question 3 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)

Then, for each calendar year 2020 and 2021, please could you tell me:

- 5) The number of race hate crimes recorded where the victim's nationality was Ukrainian
- 6) A brief description of each crime listed in your answer to question 5 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)
- 7) The number of reported crimes which mentioned "Ukraine" or "Ukrainian" in the MO field of the crime report

8) A brief summary of each reported crime listed in your answer to question 7 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

Although the Constabulary records Race Hate Crimes, it does not record the nationality of the victim of such crimes.

As such, in order to ascertain how many race hate crimes were recorded whereby the victim was Ukrainian, a manual review of thousands of crimes would be required. This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by section 12 of the Freedom of Information 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 it is possible to carry out a free text search of the MOs of crimes recorded. If this part of your request 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 –

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

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