



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0018

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0018

On 05/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please may I learn how many Community Protection Notices your force issued through 2023?

Please may I have this figure for each year, for the last five years?

Please may I have a breakdown of what these were for? (eg. birdfeeding, begging etc).

If possible, please may I learn how many of these were repeat orders, to people who had received CPNs previously?

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide some statistics to government bodies however, the systems used for recording figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing data.

Unfortunately, there is no central record for the recording of the issue of Community Protection Notices. These are managed by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and to determine if any relevant information is held, all Neighbourhood Policing Teams and individual Police Officer Pocket Notebooks would need to be manually reviewed.

Given the number of people that would need to be canvassed, this would clearly take far in excess of 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.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of people that would need to be contacted for the relevant information.

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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