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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2024_0181

On 09/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Berkeley Town Council have publicly funded CCTV which in part of their CCTV Policy states the following:-

To reduce the vandalism of property and to prevent, deter and detect crime and disorder To assist the police, the Town Council and other Law Enforcement Agencies with Identification, detection, apprehension and prosecution of offenders by examining and using retrievable evidence relating to crime, public order or contravention of bye-laws

Recently in the areas where the CCTV cameras are placed there has been vandalism related to a number of shop windows being broken.

Parking on an island that has double yellow lines around it which has previously been the cause of an accident.

Graffiti on a shop window that is in the Conservation Area of Berkeley.

For this reason I would like to raise a Freedom of Information Request for the following to determine how effective the publicly funded CCTV has been,

1.0 How many Prosecution for vandalism/traffic offences have there been from using information from the CCTV cameras each year since the CCTV was installed

2.0 How many fixed penalty notices have there been from using information from the CCTV cameras each year since the CCTV was installed.

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

Unfortunately, it is not electronically possible to search for the information you have requested, as there is no tag for CCTV. In order to ascertain whether any fixed penalty notices and prosecutions for vandalism/traffic offences have been issued due to the CCTV Cameras, which have been installed. A manual review of all recorded crimes of which there are thousands per year, this would exceed the 18 hours as 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.

Section 16 – unable to assist

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 by providing a timescale it would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful 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 –

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

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