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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0306

On 12/03/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This FOI request is seeking information in relation to recorded hate crimes and hate crime incidents for the two-year period from January 1st 2022 until December 31st 2023.

For the avoidance of doubt I require each year to be detailed separately so for each year separately (2022 and 2023) please provide details of:

- A. The total number of recorded hate crimes with them also being classified by reference to each 'hate element' separately (i.e. 'race', 'disability' etc).
- B. For the hate crimes tagged with the hate element of transgender, gender expression, gender reassignment, transphobia or any similar terminology, the number of crimes for each crime type (e.g. Assault with injury, Assault without injury etc.) (for the avoidance of doubt, also provided separately by year).
- C. The total number of non-crime hate incidents recorded for each year again classified by the relevant 'hate element'.
- D. For the non-crime hate incidents tagged with the hate element of transgender, gender expression, gender reassignment, transphobia or any similar terminology, the specific type of incident referred to and relevant details of each incident.

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

I can confirm that the Incident Recording System is largely free text and therefore its reporting function is limited. Although there is a hate tag there is no way of breaking down statistics as to the relevant hate strand.

A search has been conducted for incident records from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2023 whereby the hate tag has been added. This has resulted in 186 in 2022 and 197 in 2023 records. In order to ascertain which hate strand they relate to (i.e. Transgender) would require a manual review of all 383 records. It has been deemed that this will take longer than the 18 hours.

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.

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.

A search of crime data has been conducted in relation to questions a) and b) please see the tables below for the results.

a)

Strand	2022	2023	Grand Total
Age	28	26	54
Alternative Subcultures	38	23	61
Disability	220	137	357
Gender (Sex)	78	76	154
Gender Identity (Trans)	76	63	139
Homelessness	5	2	7
Race	996	870	1866
Religion	66	83	149
Sexual Orientation	214	213	427
Grand Total	1721	1493	3214

b)

Gender Identity (Trans)	2022	2023	Grand Total
Assault w/o Injury	7	5	12
Assault with injury	3	2	5
Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	1		1
Criminal damage -other	2	1	3
Criminal damage -vehicles		1	1
Harassment	17	17	34
Malicious Communications	22	7	29
Other theft/unauth taking		1	1
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	14	22	36
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Assault w/o Injury		1	1
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	2	2	4
Sexual Assault on a male 13+	1		1
Sexual assault on female 13+	2	1	3
Stalking	3	1	4
Theft from the person of another	1	1	2
Threats to Kill	1	1	2
Grand Total	76	63	139
Assault w/o Injury	7	5	12

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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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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