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Our reference: FOI_24_0377

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0377

On 05.04.2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Provide a copy of the policy that has been put into force to allow police officers to wear and use firearms while on duty serving the public of Gloucestershire?
2. Provide all committees, boards, groups that where responsible of implementing this policy?

To include: -

2. Permissions granted to wear side arms?
3. Permissions to use automatic machine guns within the public?
4. The Process and Procedures that police officers use for the wearing and use of firearms on a daily basis?
5. Can you list the all types of firearms that the police have authorised use of?
6. Can you list all types of arms used, gases any other types of arming devices used?

Statistics

8. How many incidents within the public since 2020 to date in which there have been firearm incidents that the police have attended?
9. Please provide the detail of each incident?
10. How many fatalities and arm from firearms for the same period 2020 to date within the public?

Budget

11. How are these arms paid for, including local contributions, central government and any other sources with the percentage breakdown of each individual contribution

12. Please provide all firearm incidents committed by the public that the police have attended to over the last 5 years?

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted. I can confirm that the information you have requested may be held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, however the Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and does not record information in as much detail as the Crime Recording System and therefore its reporting function is limited. Circumstances of individual incidents cannot be electronically obtained meaning a manual review and cross reference of records will be required in order to retrieve the relevant information for Q9. As such we have estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00 engaging Section 12 of the Act.

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

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.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

1, 2, 4 Please see the attached link [Armed policing | College of Policing](#)

3 Gloucestershire Constabulary do not use Automatic Machine Guns.

5 Gloucestershire Constabulary officers could be if required trained to use the following;

- Benelli - M4
- Glock - 17 Gen 5
- Glock - 19 Gen 5
- Heckler & Koch - G36c (EOTech)
- Heckler & Koch - L104 A2 Launcher
- Heckler & Koch - MP5 K-PDW (EOTech)
- LMT - MARS-LS - 5.56mm
- Remington - 870
- Sako - Tikka T3
- Sako - Tikka TAC A1
- Sako - TRG-22
- Sig Sauer - MCX
- Sig Sauer - Rattler
- Taser - T7
- Taser - X2

8 For the period of 01.01.2020 – 05.04.2023 I can confirm that a total of 18,141 incidents have been recorded where an ARV attendance has been recorded.

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11 No information held – Funding is allocated from a general organisational budget

12 1,122 incidents have been recorded where the closing code is Firearms. Please note that incident records are held from 2010 onwards.

With reference to Q6 if this information is still required you can submit a new FOI request.

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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