



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0395

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Date: 02.05.2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2024_0395

On 09.04.2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of non-crime hate incidents (NCHIs) recorded by Gloucestershire Constabulary in the calendar years:

2022

2023

2024

For each year please provide a breakdown of the number of NCHIs recorded per month.

Also please provide a breakdown of the types of non-crime hate incident (by characteristic) recorded.

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

Unfortunately there is no way of electronically searching for the information you have requested. The Incident Recording System does not have a tag for the type of non-crime hate incidents, therefore in order to ascertain incidents that relate to non-crime hate incidents a manual review of all incidents for the years requested would be required. Given that the Constabulary records approximately 500 incidents per day, 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.

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.

A search has been completed on all substantiated incidents between the date range of 01/01/2022 and 09/04/2024 where a hate tag has been applied to the incident but no crime has been recorded

Please see the table below which shows the totals by month as requested

Crime Recorded Date	Total
Jan-22	12
Feb-22	13
Mar-22	12
Apr-22	13
May-22	23
Jun-22	12
Jul-22	17
Aug-22	21
Sep-22	20
Oct-22	22
Nov-22	15
Dec-22	6
Jan-23	11
Feb-23	6
Mar-23	15
Apr-23	13
May-23	19
Jun-23	19

Jul-23	20
Aug-23	20
Sep-23	21
Oct-23	23
Nov-23	17
Dec-23	13
Jan-24	20
Feb-24	18
Mar-24	21
Apr-24	5
Total	447

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 as we do not have the facility within our incident recording system to electronically identify the type of hate crime being reported.

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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