



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0456

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0456

On 24/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Of the reported domestic abuse incidents between 2019-2024 how many of the victims were pregnant? Please give a yearly breakdown.
2. Of those reported incidents how many of those resulted in the perpetrator being charged with an offence? Please give a yearly breakdown and if within cost limits a breakdown of offence types.
3. Of these, what was the gender, and if possible, age and geographic makeup of the suspected perpetrators?
4. If you do not currently keep such statistics on domestic violence in pregnancy, what is the reason for this?

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

There is no specific field on the Crime Recording system for whether an individual was pregnant at the time of an offence. In order to ascertain if any relevant information is held, a manual review of the free text of the original report, the MO of the crime or the electronic crime enquiries would be required. Given that this would involve manually reviewing thousands of records, it would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the 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.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I can confirm that a free text search can be conducted of the MOs of crimes recorded with a Domestic Abuse tag. If this would still be useful, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk confirming the terms you would like searched e.g. 'pregnant'. Please note that the results of such a search only states that the term was present within the MO but will not give you the context in which the term was used.

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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