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Our reference: FOI_24_0476
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Date: 29/05/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0476

On 29/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

As part of a Home Office/Youth Endowment Fund and Campbell Collaboration research project on the reduction of violence among young people, we would like to ask for your help:

We are looking for any unpublished reports, or research done internally, regarding the potential use of Focused Deterrence interventions in Gloucestershire Constabulary as a tactic/intervention to address serious violence among young people. Broadly speaking, this would be any intervention that includes provision of support to the offender if they agree to be in the program and desist; alternatively, they would be referred for police enforcement.

Some more widely known examples of focused deterrence include the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence in Northampton and Glasgow and Operation Shield in London. More information on Focused Deterrence can be found on the College of Policing website: <https://www.college.police.uk/research/crime-reduction-toolkit/focused-deterrence-strategies>

Any information you can provide us with will assist us in gaining a better understanding of how this intervention type has been delivered in the UK.

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

Information may be held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, however this would not be held in a format that would allow extraction with the permitted time constraints. To provide a definitive response, all officers and staff would need to be canvassed to determine if they hold any relevant data. Even by narrowing down this request to the department most likely to potentially hold this information, we have estimated that this request would far exceed

the permitted time constraints, therefore Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act is applicable. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00

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.

When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

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
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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