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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0496**

On 03/05/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

**REQUEST 1:**

What would you like to know?: I am requesting data to do research on the effects of the recent wars in Ukraine and Gaza on racial and religious hate crime. I would like to have a list of hate crimes reported to the police with the following information for each incident: hate crime bias (race, faith, etc.), crime subclassification (violence against the person, arson, harassment, etc.), date (at least month and year, day also is preferred), indicator if police reported race/religion as Jewish, indicator if victim reported race/religion as Jewish, indicator if police reported ethnicity or nationality as Ukrainian, indicator if victim reported ethnicity or nationality as Ukrainian, indicator if police reported ethnicity or nationality as Russian, indicator if victim reported ethnicity or nationality as Russian, indicator if police reported religion is Islam or race is Arab/Middle Eastern, and indicator if victim reported religion is Islam or race is Arab/Middle Eastern. I would like this data for the years 2019-2023.

If a list of hate crimes reported is not possible I would instead ask for a monthly count of racial or religious hate crime against each of the four groups (Ukrainian, Russian, Jewish, Muslim or Arab). Finally, I would like a count of total monthly hate crime broken down by racial, faith, disability, sexual orientation, and Transgender for the same period as above.

**REQUEST 2:**

What would you like to know?: As a second project I will look at the relationship between education and hate crime participation. For this I would like a list of arrests for

hate crime with the following information: hate crime bias, date of incident (at least year, month and day preferred), birthdate of suspect (at least year, month also preferred), suspect gender, and suspect ethnicity. Of these, the last two are not required and can be omitted if necessary to avoid this request being denied. I would like this data for as many years possible, as early as 2012, with preference for more recent years.

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested regarding the arrests for hate crimes from 01/01/2012 – 30/04/2024. In order to retrieve and identify the requested information a manual review of 13769 Crime Reports to ascertain if the suspect/offender had been arrested. This manual review would exceed the 18 hours as 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 search the crime recording system can be conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023 where a hate crime tag has been applied and for the specific hate strands as below:

Racially Motivated  
Sexual orientation  
Religious  
Transphobic  
Sexual Orientation  
Religion - Muslim  
Religion – Jewish  
Race

Gender Identity ( Trans)  
Gender (Sex)  
Disability Related  
Disability

This search can include the ethnicity of the victim.

If this search would assist please resubmit a new FOI Request  
[foi@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:foi@gloucestershire.police.uk)

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely,

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