



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0520

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Date: 11/06/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0520

On 14/05/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am requesting the following:

- How many police officers (regardless of rank) have epilepsy
- What roles are they currently employed in - traffic / CID/ response etc

This is just for quantitative research for a study regarding equality and diversity.

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

Following receipt of your request, enquiries were made with the relevant team within the organisation.

Unfortunately, there is no central register for the recording of this information. The method of recording medical details does not allow for filtering by condition, and a condition such as epilepsy would be recorded in various unstructured data formats. As such, a manual review of all personal records would be required in order to identify if there is any relevant information held by the constabulary in answer to your request. As Gloucestershire Constabulary employs over 1,500 police officers, a manual review would take considerably longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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.

Unfortunately I am unable to provide any assistance under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act as I am unable to suggest any way to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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