



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_24_0552
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Date: 19/06/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0552

On 30/05/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- 1 The number of police officers who were assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.
- 2 The number of police officers who suffered serious injuries after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.
- 3 The number of police officers who suffered minor injuries after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.
- 4 The number of police officers who required sick leave after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.

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

Unfortunately there is no central record which holds the number of officers who have been assaulted in the line of duty and the severity of that injury. This is also true regarding officers who required sick leave following an assault.

In order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of all police officers employment records would need to be conducted which would take 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.

Section 16 – Duty to assist

I can confirm that a search of the Force internal systems for police officer assaults can be carried out where the results can include the whether medical assistance and/or hospitalisation was required. As detailed above, we cannot provide details of the injuries.

If this would still assist, please submit a new FOI request to 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

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary