



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0603

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0603

On 20/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you tell me:

1. How many unidentified bodies or sets of human remains you currently have under your jurisdiction, broken down by decade found, gender, and ethnicity.
2. How many of these unidentified persons cases are represented on the National Crime Agency's database (found here).
3. How many of these unidentified persons have facial reconstructions or facial photos associated with them.
4. How many of these unidentified persons have DNA associated with them, broken down according to testing status.
5. How many of these unidentified persons are assigned to an investigator.
6. How many of the investigations into identifying these bodies or sets of remains would be considered "cold" i.e., all viable leads in the investigation have been exhausted and the Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) considers there is nothing further that can be progressed in the investigation at that time.
7. Whether you currently engaging with any charities, universities, or other organisations (e.g., Locate International, Missing People) to further investigation of unidentified persons cases.
8. Your currently status with regards to the use of forensic/investigative genetic genealogy (FIGG) to investigate unidentified persons cases.

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

1. No information held
Upon discovery, the body/remains are transferred by police to the coroner and jurisdiction for them becomes, and remains, that of the coroner.
2. All 5 cases are logged
3. 2
4. 3
5. 5
6. All 5 of these cases are logged as inactive and are subject to annual reviews
7. There has been no charities identified with any of these cases
8. 2 cases have been included in pilot schemes however, we are yet to receive any formal feedback.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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