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Our reference: FOI_24_0647
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Date: 24/07/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0647

On 06/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please disclose the following:

- 1) The number of reports of sexual assaults, harassment, voyeurism, upskirting or stalking in the last five years that were reported by staff or students at Hartpury College and Hartpury University, or that occurred at the Hartpury College and University campus.
- 2) Please state the year and location(s) of the alleged offences.

3) Please state the outcomes, where known of each offence.

4) Please state the sex of the victim and the offender (where known) in each case.

5) Please state, where known, if the offender's gender identity was different to their sex at birth.

Excessive costs: If this request needs refining to make it possible for you to comply without incurring excessive costs (FOIA Section 12), consider ways in which you can help me refine my request so you can answer without exceeding the appropriate limit. Please let me know as soon as possible, so you will be able to make the disclosures promptly, within the Section 10 time limit.

A clarification email was sent on the 10/07/2024 asking if you are able to confirm a date frame which you required the data to be provided for?

A response was received on 10/07/2024, advising you would like a search for the last five year or if we need a specific timeframe can we use 01/07/2019 – 30/06/2024.

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

Unfortunately the Constabulary is unable to identify the occupation of a victim from electronic searches of the crime records as the crime record is independent of the occupation field, which appears on the individual files. Occupation is a non-mandatory free text field and may be updated each time an individual comes into contact with the police. Electronic searches could only extract the occupation recorded on the system at the time the search is made if the field has been completed. For example a victim may have come into contact with the police in 2006 when their occupation was recorded and then again in 2014 when the occupation field was updated. The occupation then showing on the system would not be correct for the 2006 crime. Equally a victim's occupation may not be recorded at all on initial contact but recorded at a later stage following subsequent contact with the police. It would be incorrect to link the occupation showing on the system to the earlier crime.

With reports of historic crimes, the occupation of the victim at the time of the crime (possibly 10 or 20 years ago) is only likely to be recorded on the system if it is relevant to the crime. Where crimes are reported as happening over a long period of time, the victim could have had multiple occupations during the period of the crimes.

The only way of trying to determine whether any information is held relating to the occupation of student or member of staff at Hartpury College/Hartpury University and to retrieve any relevant information would be to undertake a manual review of all crime records and the individual records of the victims of those crimes. This would take far more 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.

Under Section 16 duty to assist, I can confirm that a search of the Crime Recording System for the offences of Sexual assaults, harassment, voyeurism, upskirting or stalking within the time period of 01/07/2019 – 30/06/2024 whereby a freetext search within the location is 'Hartpury', 'Hartpury College' and 'Hartpury University'.

A manual review would then need to be conducted to ascertain whether the victim was a student or member of staff at Hartpury College/Hartpury University.

If this search would assist, please resubmit a new FOI.

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 –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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