



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI\_24\_0736

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Date: 04/09/2024

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0736**

On 08/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Consistent with the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with the following information:

1. Any documents you hold, or notes of meetings or discussions, or audio or video recordings, that describe your approach or discussions about your approach to naming or describing in public the suspects and perpetrators of crime.
2. Any documents you hold, or notes of meetings or discussions, or audio or video recordings, that describe your approach or discussions about your approach to consulting community leaders and organisations prior to anticipated public order operations.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary may hold some relevant information, however in order to establish whether information is held in relation to documents, notes of meetings or discussions, audio or video recordings, a search across all of Gloucestershire Constabulary would be required and as such the time obligations placed upon the authority to comply would be exceeded and therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. This section 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 of 18 hours, equating to £450.00.

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 – unable to assist**

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer  
Gloucestershire Constabulary