



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0832

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0832

On 10/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information for the period 2019 to 2024 for Gloucestershire Constabulary. If possible please present the information in six month sections. So in total this would be

- Jan-Jun 2019
- Jul-Dec 2019
- Jan-Jun 2020
- Jul-Dec 2020
- Jan-Jun 2021
- Jul-Dec 2021
- Jan-Jun 2022
- Jul-Dec 2022
- Jan-Jun 2023
- Jul-Dec 2023
- Jan-Jun 2024

1. The total number of investigations began by Gloucestershire Constabulary within those periods
2. The total number of investigations by Gloucestershire Constabulary within those periods, in which information to support prosecution, other than that which is already in the public domain, was requested from the company Meta, or any of its subsidiaries or trading names.
3. The total number of investigations by Gloucestershire Constabulary within those periods, in which any of the information requested in point 3 was subsequently provided by Meta.
4. The total number of requests by Gloucestershire Constabulary, within those periods, made to Meta for any information other than that in the public domain.
5. Of the requests in point 4, how many were successful for each period?

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

There is no central register of potential requests to Meta therefore, in order to ascertain if we hold any relevant information would involve manually reviewing all investigations for the time period requested. This would be thousands of records and therefore will take 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'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale.

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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