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Our reference: FOI_24_0882

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0882

On 27/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please kindly provide details of numbers of individuals stopped and searched; arrested; charged with offences who have been identified by police as being illegal entrants to the United Kingdom or have no form of identification or no fixed abode.

By illegal entrants we mean:

1. those who entered the UK without leave or who have absconded after being granted temporary admission (these include entrants by way of airports, channel crossings or via vehicles)
2. those who enter in breach of a deportation order;
3. those who have secured leave by means of material deception.

The information is sought for the years from 2017 to 2024 (or latest available figures)

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

There are no tags/categories on the Stop and Search data, Custody data or the Crime Record data regarding illegal entrants to the UK. In order to ascertain whether the Officer dealing with the individual/case had gleaned such information, would require a manual review of all stop and searches, all custody records and all crimes recorded where there is a suspect.

This would involve manually reviewing thousands of records per year, which would clearly take far 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.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I can confirm that the Constabulary records crimes as per the [Home Office Crime Recording Rules](#). Therefore if there are any specific offences from the above link that you would like us to retrieve statistics regarding, we can retrieve the number of crimes recorded and the police outcomes for example.

If this would be useful, please submit a new FOI Request for the specific offences you are interested in 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 –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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