



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_24_0963
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Date: 15/11/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0963

On 24/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many arrests were made for stalking and harassment in the past five years?
1a. Please break this figure down by year, from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2019/20, 2020/21, etc.)
2. Of those arrested, how many had a prior arrest for stalking and/or harassment?
2a. Please again break this figure down by financial year.
3. What were the ages of offenders? Please break this down by age group (e.g. Under 18, 18-24, 25-30, etc)
4. How many offenders were male, female, non-binary or other/unspecified?

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible electronically search for the information requested regarding question 2 and 2a of your request. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of over 2,328 arrests records where the Reason for Arrest (RFA) is under Harassment and Harassment/Stalking over the time period request to ascertain whether the offender has prior arrests under the same RFA. This manual review would exceed the 18 hours as 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, if you were to omit questions 2 and 2a from your request we may be able to provide you information to the request of your request.

Please note that we only record genders by male, female or unknown.

If this would assist please resubmit a new FOI request.

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
Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary