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Our reference: FOI_24_0975

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0975

On 30/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you provide the following data for each of the last three financial years:

- 1) The number of reports of antisocial behaviour recorded by the force
- 2) The number of victims of antisocial behaviour referred to independent support services by the force

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

Unfortunately there is no central register for information relating to victim referrals to support services and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held (and to retrieve that information) would be to canvass all officers and staff to establish if there are any records of this or possibly notes held within Pocket Notebooks.

As such, we have estimated that this part of your request would far exceed the permitted time constraints, 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 estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

When applying the Section 12 exemption, our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

A search has been conducted of the Incident Recording System to identify the number of records where the closure code for ASB (personal), ASB (nuisance) and ASB (Environmental) have been applied during the period of 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2024. The results have been broken down in the table below by month and year.

Month/Year	Total
Apr-21	2283

May-21	1987
Jun-21	1930
Jul-21	1971
Aug-21	1707
Sep-21	1530
Oct-21	1534
Nov-21	1358
Dec-21	1395
Jan-22	1130
Feb-22	761
Mar-22	995
Apr-22	903
May-22	791
Jun-22	649
Jul-22	758
Aug-22	830
Sep-22	823
Oct-22	905
Nov-22	690
Dec-22	746
Jan-23	847
Feb-23	707
Mar-23	838
Apr-23	883
May-23	1008
Jun-23	1022
Jul-23	984
Aug-23	925
Sep-23	807
Oct-23	865
Nov-23	731
Dec-23	714
Jan-24	760

Feb-24	853
Mar-24	1040
Total	38660

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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