



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_1020

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Date: 06/12/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1020

On 14/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am seeking information on squatters or trespassers (those living in a property without permission) who have been evicted within your policing jurisdiction. Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

- The total number of squatters evicted within the jurisdiction from January 1, 2024, to the present date.
- If possible, a breakdown of these evictions by month and by the type of property (e.g., residential, commercial, or public properties).
- The number of evictions conducted under civil orders or were criminal prosecutions.
- Any available data on the average time taken to resolve each squatting incident (from the report of squatting to the eviction).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

The Police do not conduct evictions.

Section 16 – duty to assist

Whilst we cannot provide you with information relating to evictions, there is an offence of “Knowingly as a trespasser live / intend to live in a residential building”, for which we are able to provide the number of arrests made. Please note that this offence, and the power to arrest, only applies to residential property.

If a search for arrest data would be suitable to you, you can submit a new 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
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
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