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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1026

On 15/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1.)

- a) How many unaccompanied migrant children have been registered as 'missing' since January 2020?
- b) How many of these people (some of whom may now be adults) are still registered as missing?
- c) How many of these have been missing for more than one month? How many have been missing for more than six months? How many have been missing for more than a year?

2)

- a) Of the people in 1.) b) How many of these are still under the age of 18?
- b) Of the people in 1.) b) How many of these are now over 18?
- c) Of the people in 1.) b) please break down the ages at which they went missing (ie - how many went missing at age 14, how many at age 15, etc)
- d) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by sex
- g) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by nationality
- h) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by the local authority (or or other authority) from whose care they went missing.

3)

- a) Of the people in 1.) b) Please provide me with the age and nationality of the girl who was the youngest on the date she went missing. Has she been missing for more than six months? More than a year? (If data protection rules allow please also tell me in which month did she go missing?) From which local authority/other authority?

b) Of the people in 1.) b) please provide me with the age and nationality of the boy who was the youngest on the date he went missing. Has he been missing for more than six months, more than a year? (If data protection rules allow please also tell me in which month did she go missing?) From which local authority/other authority?

On the 22/11/2024 a question amendment was received with the following:

Please can I request the following information:

1.)

a) How many unaccompanied migrant children have been registered as 'missing' since January 2020? If this data is only available via FOI for more recent months or years because of improved recording - please provide me with data reaching as far back as possible AND the date from which the data stretches back.

b) As at 22 November or nearest possible date: How many of these people (some of whom may now be adults) are still registered as missing?

C) How many of these in 1.) B) have been missing for more than one month? How many have been missing for more than six months? How many have been missing for more than a year?

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a) Of the people in 1.) b) How many of these are still under the age of 18?

b) Of the people in 1.) b) How many of these are now over 18?

c) Of the people in 1.) b) please break down the ages at which they went missing (ie - how many went missing at age 14, how many at age 15, etc)

d) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by sex

e) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by nationality

f) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by the local authority (or or other authority) from whose care they went missing.

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a) Of the people in 1.) b) Please provide me with the age and nationality of the girl who was the youngest on the date she went missing. Has she been missing for more than six months? More than a year? (If data protection rules allow please also tell me in which month did she go missing?) From which local authority/other authority?

b) Of the people in 1.) b) please provide me with the age and nationality of the boy who was the youngest on the date he went missing. Has he been missing for more than six months, more than a year? (If data protection rules allow please also tell me in which month did she go missing?) From which local authority/other authority?

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

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

The Missing Person's database does not have a field relating to nationality and therefore the only way to potentially retrieve the information you are requesting would be to manually review records, which would involve reviewing all Missing Persons records regarding under 18's. This would involve manually reviewing hundreds of records and potentially cross referencing them with records from other systems. This would take longer than the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of 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 but still provide meaningful information.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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