



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_24_1073
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Date: 23/12/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1073

On 26/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Freedom of Information Request

Intimate Searches PACE code C strip search and intimate body search which has been conducted after detention in the custody suite)

Hello

For the last three calendar years or 12-month periods ending in 2021, 2022 and 2023, please can you tell me, per year

1. How many intimate searches were conducted?
2. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological males?
3. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females?
4. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological males by biological males?
5. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological males by biological females?
6. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological females?
7. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological males?
8. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological males who identify as women (without a gender recognition certificate)?
9. How many intimate searches were conducted on biological females by biological males who identify as women (with a gender recognition certificate)?
10. How many biological males refused to be intimately searched by a female officer?
11. How many biological females refused to be intimately searched by a male officer?

12. How many biological females refused to be intimately searched by a male officer who identifies as a woman (without a gender recognition certificate)?
13. How many biological females refused to be intimately searched by a male officer who identifies as a woman (with a gender recognition certificate)?

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

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. A search has been conducted of Custody data to ascertain how many strip searches have been conducted and this has resulted in 375 records, in order to answer the rest of your request a manual review of all 375 records would need to be conducted. This manual review would far exceed the 18 hours as prescribed by 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.

Section 16 – unable to assist

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary