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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_25\_0848**

On 19/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many homophobic attacks or assaults (including sexual) have been reported in the last six years? Broken down into 12-month period. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
2. Please can I know the amount reported per month from January 2023 – present?
3. Please can I know how many of these homophobic attack or assault reports resulted in an arrest and/or charge in the last six years? Broken down in a 12-month period. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
4. Please can I know the number of arrests and/or charges per month from January 2023 – present?
5. Please can I know how many of these arrests/charges from reports of homophobic attacks or assaults resulted in trial and/or conviction in the last six years? Broken down in a 12-month period? 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
6. Please can I know the number of arrests/charges resulted in trial and/or conviction per month from January 2023 – present?

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

Unfortunately there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. The Constabulary records offences and arrests under specific reason codes and can only search against the specific codes. There is no code for specifically for a “Homophobic attack” and any offences/arrest may fall within several categories. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each incident and

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custody log in all possible offence and arrest codes. This would involve the review of hundreds of thousands of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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