



Your reference:

Our reference: EIR_25_0248

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Date: 31/03/2025

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Environmental Information Regulations request
EIR_25_0248**

On 03/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Environmental Information Regulations asking the following:

Under Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations, I would like to request the following information;

1. How many dead /killed Schedule 1 birds of prey have been reported to / investigated by your force between the dates - 1st January 2024 to the 31st December 2024 inclusive?
2. What species of bird of prey was investigated?
3. What was the cause of death?

Under the Environmental Information Regulations, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

When a member of the public contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an Incident will be recorded on the Incident Recording System. If it's then deemed to fall within the Home Office Crime Recording Rules, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the offence of WC81001 – Killing a Schedule 1 Wild Bird is relevant to your request. I can confirm that a search has been conducted of such offences being recorded from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024. The result was zero.

The Incident Recording System is largely free text and therefore it's reporting function is limited. Having regard to this, a search has been conducted of Incidents recorded from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 whereby the 'result code' for the incident was either 'Animals/Wildlife' or 'Lost or found Property or animals' and the incident free text included the term 'bird'. This was deemed a reasonable search given that such a report of a

deceased bird would be very likely to have either of the aforementioned result codes and include the term bird. There were 13 incidents that included the term 'bird' but upon manual review of these incidents, none were relevant to your 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
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
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