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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1172

On 04/12/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Do you have a formal, written policy for the disposal of ammunition (including seized, surrendered, obsolete, and expired stock)? If yes, please provide a copy or summary.
2. Does this policy vary if the ammunition is from force use or if it is surrendered by the public? If yes, please provide a copy or summary.
3. How many officers are involved in the handling and disposal of ammunition?
4. What types of ammunition does your force typically handle for disposal (select all that apply)
 - * Small arms
 - * Shotgun cartridges
 - * Large calibre
 - * Pyrotechnics
 - * Taser cartridges
 - * Other (please specify)
5. Do you keep detailed records of the type, nature, amount, and technical characteristics of all ammunition received for disposal?
6. Please provide figures for the amount and type of ammunition that has been disposed of in the last 3 years, broken down by year.
7. What are the authorized methods of ammunition disposal used by your department (select all that apply)
 - * Incineration

- * Controlled detonation
- * Demilitarisation
- * Recycling
- * Open burning
- * Burial
- * Other (please specify)

8. Are these disposal methods carried out internally or by a contracted, registered third party? If contracted please provide details of contractor

9. If using a third party, how do you verify their compliance with safety and environmental regulations?

10. Is recycling of components (e.g., brass casings) part of your disposal process or the responsibility of the person who disposes of the ammunition for you?

11. What specific procedures are in place for the safe disposal of damaged, worn, or potentially unstable ammunition?

12. How does your police force ensure that disposal methods comply with environmental regulations and minimize contamination risks?

13. Who is responsible for overseeing the entire ammunition disposal process, from seizure/surrender to final destruction/disposal and what records are kept for this process?

14. How many registered firearms dealers are registered with your police force?

15. How many dealer registers of firearms or ammunition transactions have you inspected over the last 3 years?

16. How many registered firearms dealers stocks from transactions have you inspected over the last 3 years?

17. Are you aware of how ammunition can be disposed of by registered firearms dealers? (Select all that apply)

- * Burial
- * Burning in the open air
- * Recycling
- * Incineration
- * Other (please specify)

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

Q1. No information held

Q2. No information held

Q3. Gloucestershire Constabulary allocate one police staff member

Q4. Gloucestershire Constabulary dispose of all listed items

Q5. No Property records are kept using our property recording system of general details e.g. a bag of shotgun cartridges.

Q6. No information held

Q7. No information held

Q8. No Information held

Q9. No information held

Q10. No information held

Q11. No information held

Q12. No information held

Q13. Force armourer is responsible for arranging disposal by third party

Q14. 41

Q15. 35

Q16. 35

Q17. No information held

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
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Yours sincerely,

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