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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0087

On 23/01/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

The total number of police incidents and arrests made in the Local Policing Area of Cheltenham during the 4 days of the Cheltenham Festival each year from 2015 to 2024

The total cost of policing the festival each year from 2015 to 2024 The dates of the festival for each respective year are as follows:

12/03/2024-15/03/2024
14/03/2023-17/03/2023
15/03/2022-18/03/2022
16/03/2021-19/03/2021
11/03/2020-14/03/2020
12/03/2019-15/03/2019
13/03/2018-16/03/2018
14/03/2017-17/03/2017
15/03/2016-18/03/2016
10/03/2015-13/03/2015

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Following receipt of your request, initial searches were conducted on the Incident Recording System for all incidents recorded between the dates requested during Cheltenham Festival. These incidents have then been filtered for the Local Policing Area (LPA) of Cheltenham.

An additional search has been conducted of the Custody Recording System, for all arrests between the requested dates during Cheltenham Festival. A filter has then been filtered for all arrests which occurred in Cheltenham.

The results are as follows:

Dates	Incidents	Arrests
10/03/2015-13/03/2015	513	38
15/03/2016-18/03/2016	585	37
14/03/2017-17/03/2017	588	41
13/03/2018-16/03/2018	485	36
12/03/2019-15/03/2019	507	43
11/03/2020-14/03/2020	505	37
16/03/2021-19/03/2021	383	17
15/03/2022-18/03/2022	520	44
14/03/2023-17/03/2023	547	31
12/03/2024-15/03/2024	469	50

This is the cost of overtime and not the total cost policing the event, as basic salary costs are part of the standard Constabulary budget.

Year	Cost
15/16	£198,349.55
16/17	£170,604.31
17/18	£172,582.71
18/19	£147,808.87
19/20	£127,696.97

20/21	£63,077.04
21/22	£140,624.02
22/23	£167,521.31
23/24	£173,654.08

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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Yours sincerely,

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