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Our reference: FOI_25_0134
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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0134

On 04/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many CSAM cases has your force encountered in the past year? (Estimates welcome.)
2. What percentage of your total CSAM cases do you estimate involve AI-generated content?
3. How long on average is spent on Victim ID in a CSAM case in 2024 compared to 2019?
4. How many successful prosecutions were made in 2024 involving AI-generated CSAM?
5. How effective are current detection methods for AI-generated CSAM compared to traditional CSAM? (Estimates or general insights are fine.)
6. What is the total amount spent in 2024 on AI detection tools with specific features for CSAM, and on recruiting staff for roles where AI plays a key part?
7. Is your force collaborating with external organisations to address AI-generated CSAM?
8. Have officers received additional training on AI-generated CSAM?

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

Unfortunately for Q1, 2, 3 & 4 there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. A manual review across all areas of the organisation would be required to confirm if any applicable information is held. This would involve the review of hundreds 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.

Q5 - This is not a valid FOI question, we are unable to provide opinions under FOI.

Q7 - No

Q8 - No

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
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Yours sincerely,

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