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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0164

On 07/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

To the chief constable,

1. Will your police force/constabulary be ring-fencing the extra income from the latest firearms licensing fee increase to the firearms licensing functions?
1. What improvements will you be making to streamline the system and reduce delays in grant and renewal?
2. Will you be looking to recruit additional staff and if so how many and in what function?

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

I have numbered your questions for ease.

1. The increase in funding does not cover the existing costs for the delivery of firearms licensing within the county. The force will continue to make up the shortfall in funding from its primary funding sources.
2. The current gold group running is chaired by the Assistance Chief Constable. The force has no delays in renewal. The gold group is overseeing improvements to also address grant backlogs . Due to the need to recruit and train new staff the improvements in grants will not be seen until late 2025.

3. as described above the increase in funding does not meet the cost of the pre-existing service. However, the golf group has overseen recent recruitment of Firearms Enquiry Officers and new administrative staff.

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:

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Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely,

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