



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0255

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0255

On 04/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. As part of the UKRI International Law Enforcement Information Exchange Project (Edge Hill University), examining how information can be effectively exchanged between law enforcement agencies, we would like to ask you to provide the following information:

Data Breaches:

The number of data breaches recorded by your force in the past 10 years.

The agencies or external bodies involved, if any.

The type of data compromised.

The departments or units within your force affected.

The impact of these data breaches.

Whether any of these breaches were reported in the media (if so, please specify).

Whether the breaches were made public by the force.

Information Sharing Agreements:

What information sharing agreements your force currently has in place.

The number of information sharing agreements your force currently has in place.

The organisations or agencies these agreements are with.

A distinction between statutory information sharing agreements and localised agreements.

Operational Databases:

The number of separate information databases your force operates in relation to operational matters (excluding internal systems such as HR or logistical databases, clothing stores, etc.).

A brief description of the purpose of these operational databases. To be clear, we do not require specific titles of the databases; generic descriptions will suffice - for example: "intelligence (general)", "intelligence casework", "incident (general)", "knife crime", "gangs", etc.

We fully acknowledge the need to maintain operational sensitivity and are not requesting any information that would compromise security or investigative work.

ADR Requirements:

The systems your force uses to ensure compliance with the Authorised Professional Practice on Data Retention (ADR) requirements.

Confirmation on whether these systems fully address all ADR requirements, or whether certain requirements necessitate bespoke responses or solutions.

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

Although there is a central register of reported data breaches, in order to retrieve the details you have requested, a manual review of all documents relating to all data breaches in the period specified is required. In order to do this, it has been estimated that the work to be carried out to furnish your request would exceed the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 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.

Section 16 – Duty to assist

By way of assistance, I can advise you that if you were to remove the question regarding Data Breaches, Gloucestershire Constabulary may be able to provide information in response to the rest of your request.

If this would be of use to you, you can resubmit the 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,

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