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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0275

On 10/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please may I request data from GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSABULARY showing how many recorded crime reports on UNIFI were subject to an 'ID SOUGHT' process in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020. If data could be supplied for each calendar year individually, please.

By this I mean that as part of the investigation into a recorded crime an "ID SOUGHT" process was initiated by an investigator officer in order to try identifying a suspect for an offence. For example, an image of an offender has been captured on CCTV, an officer has located an image of a suspect, and this image is circulated via internal intelligence systems to other officers to see if they recognize the suspect.

I would be grateful if data for the number of crimes this was used could be initially supplied in total.

Then may I ask for additional data, that gives the total number of crimes in which the ID SOUGHT was successful and led to a prosecution and the UNIFI crime report being shown as detected.

Again, if I could request data, year by year, for the calendar years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

There is no electronic field that denotes that any form of ID sought process has been carried out on a crime record. As such, in order to ascertain how many crimes may have recorded such a process, a manual review of all crimes recorded in each year would be required.

Given that the Constabulary records thousands of crimes per year, this would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

In order to try and retrieve some relevant information, your request has also been considered from the perspective of recorded promat procedures. This is one specific type of ID process, of which 553 were conducted in the time period specified. In order to ascertain how many of these processes potentially led to a charge outcome for a crime, each one would need to be manually reviewed. Again, this would take far longer than the 18 hours 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.

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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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