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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0286

On 12/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of police officers who have been injured while on duty in the last three years broken down by:
 - a) Calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)
 - b) Injury Cause (for example, assault by civilian, slip,trip,fall, road traffic incident)
 - c) Injury severity (serious/minor etc.)
2. The number of compensation claims made by police officers for injuries sustained on duty broken down by calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)
 - a) The number of settled claims, refused claims and amount of compensation awarded broken down by years as above.

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

1. I can confirm that the number of officer injuries recorded from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2024 has been retrieved. The recording system has pre-set options regarding cause of injury and classification of injury. Please see the tables below:

Cause of Injury	2022	2023	2024	Total
Not recorded		2	1	3
Another kind of accident	50	55	39	144
Contact with electricity		1		1
Contact with moving machinery	1	1	1	3
Exposed to a harmful substance	3	6	1	10

Exposed to fire		1		1
Exposure to heat/steam			2	2
Fell from height	2	4	4	10
Hit by a moving, flying or falling object	5	3	6	14
Hit by moving vehicle	3	5	11	19
Hit something fixed or stationary	10	7	9	26
Injured by an animal	5	16	9	30
Injured while handling, lifting or carrying	9	13	6	28
Injury during operational training	20	55	23	98
No Details	5			5
Physical assault by a person	174	208	287	669
Slipped, tripped or fell on the same level	24	26	19	69
Trapped by something collapsing		1	1	2
Total	311	404	419	1134

Classification of Injury	2022	2023	2024	Total
Major Injury	2	8	1	11
Minor Injury	303	380	402	1085
Near Miss/Hazard		7	2	9
Over 3 days absence	1	1		2
Over 7 days absence	5	8	3	16
Verbal Assault			11	11
Total	311	404	419	1134

2. I can confirm the following information in relation to claims by Police Officers for an injury on duty.

2022 – 4 claims, 3 settled

2023 – 2 claims, 2 settled

2024 – 6 claims, 1 settled, 2 refused

All others are ongoing.

The amount paid out in total for all 6 settled claims is £17,000.00. (Please note that these figures are relating to the years that the claims were made.)

To provide any further details surrounding these claims would likely identify individuals or disclose personal information.

Section 17 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.

With regard to the disclosure of any further information relating to the above claims, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

Although there is a legitimate interest in disclosing information surrounding the amount the Constabulary has paid out in settlements, any such disclosure cannot override the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the individuals involved.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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