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Our reference: FOI_25_0328
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Date: 17/04/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0328

On 20/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide the following information for the period from the start of 2019 to the end of 2024, broken down by year?

How many reports of stalking did the force receive in this time?

Of these stalking reports can you break down how many reports were made by men and how many were made by women?

Of these stalking reports, how many reports have resulted in further action, like an arrest, conviction or restraining orders?

How many Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs) were sought by the force in this time?

How many Stalking Protection Orders were breached in this time?

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

Unfortunately, it is not electronically possible to search for the information you have requested regarding of how many reports have resulted in further action, like an arrest, conviction or restraining orders. In order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review of over 7,085 crime reports would need to be reviewed to ascertain how many reports resulted in an arrest. This manual review 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.

Under Section 16 duty to assist, I can confirm if you omit the question regarding how many reports have resulted in further action, like arrests, conviction or restraining orders, we may be able to provide you with a response to your request.

If this would assist please submit a new FOI request.

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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