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Our reference: FOI_25_0432

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0432

On 18/04/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

a list of all incident logs/reports made to Gloucestershire police of any of the following - "drones, UAS, UAP" between 20th -27th of November 2024.

Please include specific date, location and reason for reports made.

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

I can confirm that when a member of the public contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an Incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. If it's then deemed to fall within the Home Office Crime Recording Rules, it will then be logged on the Crime Recording System.

In order to facilitate your enquiry, a search of Incidents recorded from 20/11/2024 to 27/11/2024 has been conducted whereby the terms 'drone', 'UAS' or 'UAP' were present within the free text of the record.

The resultant incidents have then been manually reviewed to ascertain if they relate to reports of drone use. There appeared to be 4 x relevant incidents; 3 relating to individuals contacting the police to inform of a future use of a registered drone and 1 relating to drones seen flying, which were not deemed to be suspicious.

To provide the specific dates and locations would likely identify individuals and therefore this information is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Consideration has to be made regarding any information that is already known to members of the public and/or in the public domain that combined with information disclosed under the FOI legislation could identify individuals. Therefore, although there is a

legitimate interest in disclosing information surrounding drone use, any such disclosure cannot override the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the individuals involved.

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, 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.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your 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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