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Our reference: FOI\_25\_0475

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Date: 22/05/2025

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2025\_0475**

On 04/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can I have copies of all logged incidents reported to your police force from members of the public that include any of the three words shown below within the double quotation marks. Please include the description of the incident provided by the member of the public.

Please also notify me how many records the search criteria return.

Date range: 22nd Nov 2024 to 27th Nov 2024

Search word 1 : "drone"

Search word 2 : "drones"

Search word 3 : "UFO"

To comply with the application of Section 31(a) of Freedom of Information Act 2000 "Law enforcement", and to favour disclosure, I request that you please ensure that any information that may prejudice the prevention or detection of crime are redacted. This may include for example redacting any details of counter drone technology, or other operational details for responding and preventing drone attacks.

To comply with the application of Section 40(2) of Freedom of Information Act 2000 "Personal Data", and to favour disclosure - I request that you please ensure that any personal information are redacted, so as to remain lawful under the terms of the 1st and 2nd Principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

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

A search has been conducted on the incident recording system for incidents recorded from 22.11.2024 – 27.11.2024 where the following keywords are present within the comments

"drone"

"drones"

"UFO"

I can confirm there are 19 reported incidents.

Unfortunately the incident document itself is exempt by section 40. The way our incident recording system produces the information requested means that the document itself is the personal data of the caller. We are therefore unable to provide copies under the FOIA.

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 incident documents, 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 with 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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary