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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0504

On 13/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For almost 20 years members of the general public have been subjected to the humiliation of mass indecent exposure events, otherwise known as the 'World Naked Bike Ride' (protest).

This Freedom of Information Request has been submitted to all 43 territorial UK police forces to ascertain how relevant new information has been considered prior to granting permission for these events.

Please provide all Information and evidence demonstrating how your police force have balanced the right to 'protest' (whilst exposing genitals in public) with religious/cultural beliefs protected under the Equality Act 2010.

For example modesty is understood to be a core principle under Sharia law, and as such public displays of nudity are highly likely to cause outrage, considerable offence and may result in acts of violence.

Specifically what additional considerations/precautions have been made to facilitate these events by police forces operating within 'Sanctuary Cities' and 'Human Rights Cities'.

Please also include the following information:

1. How much has been spent on policing these events over the last 20 years - broken down per event, per year.
2. Please include if any specialist legal advice has been sought in relation to these events. If so, when and how much was spent on this advice.

3. Please include the guidance you are currently following for officers to facilitate/police these events.
4. Please include what your policy is in respect to men wearing face masks whilst exposing their genitals in sight of women and children.
5. Please include how many arrests, charges, cautions have been made in connection to these events.
6. Please include the number of incidents/complaints of anti social behaviour, indecent exposure, public disorder etc (before, during or after the event).

I trust this information will be made available prior to your next proposed events scheduled in 2025.

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

Unfortunately, there is no way of electronically searching for the information you have request.

I can confirm that there is no central register of such events. Therefore in order to ascertain if any relevant information is held, a manual review of all incidents would be required. Given that the Constabulary records approximately 500 incidents per day, this would clearly 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm the following information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. No information held.
2. No information held. The Legal Services Department have confirmed they hold no relevant information.
3. No information held. There are no specific guidance documents relating to such events.
4. No information held. There is no such specific policy.
5. Although there is no way of electronically searching for this specific information (as detailed above), given the lack of corporate knowledge of any such events, there is highly likely no information held.
6. No information held.

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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