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Our reference: FOI_25_0566

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0566

On 02/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

REQUEST: For a project mapping temporal/ regional hate crime data across the UK, we write to request:

- the number of racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents reported
- by month and year
- where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups (see list below), broken down by each group where possible.

And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:

- 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (for this year, up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).

FORMAT: Please provide the data in an Excel spreadsheet.

If you can't provide a list of hate crimes by month/ year with individual details, please structure the summarised data with the following column headings:

- Month
- Year
- Number of hate crimes
- Number of hate incidents

- Ethnicity/ethnic appearance

THE RELEVANT GROUPS: We are interested in the following 'relevant' ESEA groups. If, like Police Scotland, you can provide us with all your hate crime data for all ethnic groups, however, please do- it makes it easier to compare trends.

THE RELEVANT GROUPS:

- Chinese
- East Asian
- Southeast Asian
- "Oriental"
- Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, and South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos, Indonesia, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia and Timor-Leste
- Or any that had such appearance (set out above)
- Asian (less useful as we need the granularity)

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

When an Individual contacts the police and it is deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. Please note that the word "incident" in Gloucestershire Constabulary's terminology refers to a type of record, not the event as a whole. If an offence is being reported (rather than a missing person for example) the "incident" will be assessed to determine if the offence falls within the Home Office Crime Recording Rules. If that incident is deemed to fall within the counting rules, a "crime" will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Please note that the Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and does not record information in as much detail as the Crime Recording System and therefore its reporting function is limited. Information such as ethnicity is not recorded within the Incident Recording System, therefore a manual review and cross reference of records will be required in order to determine if relevant information is held. In addition, whilst there is a tag to identify that a hate crime is being reported, it is not possible to break down the hate strand that is recorded within the incident record. A manual review is required to identify this data also. For the date range of your request, a review of hundreds, if not thousands of records would be required which would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you can refine your request to come within the cost constraints of section 12 of the 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.

Section 16 – Duty to Assist

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

A search of the Crime Recording System can be conducted to identify substantiated crimes where the hate tag has been applied. These can then be filtered for the hate strand of Race. We are then able to extract the ethnicity of the victim, where recorded.

If this would be useful data, you can submit a new request on this basis.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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