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Our reference: FOI_25_0579
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Date: 02/07/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0579

On 04/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you please supply information on:

- 1) The number of Adult-Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) that have been issued by Gloucestershire Police in the last 12 months
- 2) The number of Adult-Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) that have been issued by Gloucestershire Police on behalf of Coleford Town Council in the last three years.

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

Whilst there is a central register to identify that an order has been issued, the system used does not contain the full details of the order, for example, the issuing authority. As a result, in order to obtain the full details, searches of all electronic and physical storage are required, followed by a manual review of those records. Given that there is in excess of 185 orders for the three years as requested, this manual review would exceed the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to 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.

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, we have supplied the 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.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Initial searches has been conducted for the number of orders issued between 05/06/2024 – 05/06/2025 and there has been 58 records. Please note that a manual review would still need to be required and will engage in Section 12 of the Act.

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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer

Gloucestershire Constabulary