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Our reference: FOI_25_0616

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0616

On 18/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1a) How many times have you responded to a malicious threat or intruder at a school where they have had to do a full lockdown in the years (from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a breakdown to the nature of the incident in reference to question 1a

2a) How many people aged 0 to 16-years-old have been found in possession of a knife or bladed articles in school and have been arrested for the following years (from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 2a

3a) How many people aged 0 to 16-years-old have been charged for possession of a knife or bladed article at a school for the following years (from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 3a

4a) How many violent assaults have you attended in schools for the following years(from January-January): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

b) Can you give a break down by age and sex in reference to question 4a

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

With regards to question 1, there are no separate records held to identify if Gloucestershire Constabulary have received and/or responded to a malicious threat or intruder at a school. The only way to determine if any relevant information is held would be to manually review all Incident records. As 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.

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.

If you were to omit Q1, we may then be able to conduct searches for recorded data in answer to questions 2-4.

If this would be useful to you, you can submit an amended 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 –

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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