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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0633

On 23/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I wish to make a freedom of information request and would be grateful if you could supply the following information, broken down by nationality (note - in any instance where an certain nationality has fewer than 5 results, please use FOI best practice and simply provide the appropriate response of "<5") for the years 2018 - 2024

1. the total number of arrests (and broken down by nationality) for each detailed offence within the following the offence groups: "violence against the person" and "sexual offences".
2. the total number of arrests by your force (and broken down by nationality) that led to an individual being proceeded against for each detailed offence within the following offence groups: "violence against the person" and "sexual offences".
3. If possible, I would also be grateful if you could disclose the number of arrests (2018 - 2024) for violence against the person which are a knife crime (broken down by nationality) as well as the number of cases that led to an individual being proceeded against (broken down by nationality)

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

Unfortunately, it's not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its

reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific offences under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for the offences groups you have stated above. Although it's possible to follow an arrest through to a recorded crime and the police outcome per individual, it's not possible to retrieve electronic statistics. Therefore in order to ascertain if any relevant arrest information is recorded, a manual review of thousands of records would be required. This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Following on from the above, there is also no 'knife crime' tag within the custody data and therefore in order to ascertain if any records potentially related to a knife crime, a manual review of all custody records would be required.

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.

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I can confirm that crime data can be retrieved specifically relating to the offence groups of Violence Against the Person and Sexual Offences. The total number of crimes recorded can be retrieved, along with the number of offenders and their recorded nationalities and whether the offence had been flagged as a knife crime.

If this information would still prove useful, please submit a new FOI Request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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