



Your reference: N/A  
Our reference: FOI\_25\_0658  
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Date: 18/07/2025

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_25\_0658**

On 01/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you provide data on the number of household burglaries over the past six years (2019-2025) where the thieves were specifically targeting gold jewelry. Please include a breakdown of the ethnicity of every victim.

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

Unfortunately, it is not electronically possible to extract the information requested. An initial search has been conducted for the number of residential burglaries, including aggravated burglary offences, where a property item is recorded as jewellery, however there is no recording field to identify the material i.e. gold. Therefore in order to identify and retrieve the requested information a manual review would need to be conducted of over 350 recorded crimes to ascertain whether the jewellery item was gold. This manual review would exceed the 18 hours as prescribed by Section 12 of the 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.

Under Section 16 duty to assist, a search of residential burglary offences can be conducted where there is property recorded as Jewellery and can conduct a search of the victim's ethnicity.

If this would to assist, please submit a new FOI 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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary