



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0703

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0703

On 18/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am undertaking research on disproportionality within policing and would like to request the following data:-

1. Data from Use of Force forms submitted by Gloucestershire Constabulary officers throughout the county of Gloucestershire between 01/07/2023 - 01/07/2025
 - a. Could these be broken down on a month by month basis (data from 1/7 - 31/7, 1/8 - 31/8, etc).
 - b. Could the data provided from each form include:-
 - i. Subject ethnicity
 - ii. Type of force used
2. Could I further request data from submitted Stop Search forms over the same date range and broken down similarly capturing a month by month insight?
 - a. Could the data provided from these include:-
 - i. Subject ethnicity
 - ii. Item sought
 - iii. Item found (if any)
 - iv. Stop Search outcome
3. Finally, over the same date range, could I request data relating to arrest figures, again broken down to provide monthly figures, on arrests with the following data:-
 - a. Detained person ethnicity
 - b. Offences arrested for
 - c. Outcome of custody occurrence.

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

Following receipt of your request, initial searches have been conducted. Whilst it is possible to extract some relevant data related to Q2, it is not possible to electronically obtain information in answer to “item found”. It has been confirmed that this data is free text within the individual record and requires a manual review to determine what/if data has been captured. For the period of 01/07/2023 – 30/06/2025 there are over 4,900 records that require manual review which would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

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.

When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

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, I have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. I trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please find attached 2 CSV data tables.

These provide the data requested for questions 1 & 3.

Documents attached:

- Q1. Use of Force
- Q3. Arrest Data

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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