



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0705

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Date: 12/08/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0705

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

- Can you confirm how many officers and staff have been required to submit BI applications specifically for charitable or voluntary activities such as Guides, Scouts, hospice visits, Freemasonry, Passing It Forward, Mencap, SSAFA, charity concerts with the Gloucestershire Constabulary Male Voice Choir, and similar endeavours?
- Could you clarify why the BI form does not include the option to opt out of the Working Time Directive or explain the relevant reference period?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information, however we are not able to provide this to you at this time.

The information you have requested is currently being transferred from one recording system to another. This is being done manually and the information is not currently held in a format that allows electronic extraction.

In order to extract the relevant information in response to your request, a manual review to search for each individual employee is required to determine if they have a business interest or not. This would be necessary of both systems whilst the information is being transferred. This would therefore take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act at this time.

You may wish to consider re-submitting your request in the future

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
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Yours sincerely,

