



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0753

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Date: 20/08/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0753

On 29/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For each of these crime types, can you please let me know the total number of offences that were committed by those who are not British born for each of the last five years:

- Robbery
- Theft
- Burglary
- Sexual offences
- Violence against the person

Please display this data both as a raw number and that raw number displayed as a percentage of all offences committed of that offence type (i.e. offences committed by both British-born and foreign born offenders).

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

Unfortunately there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. Whilst there is a recording facility within a Crime record to capture and electronically extract information relating to ethnicity, there is no requirement to record nationality. It is possible that nationality is recorded within the Person record for linked individuals (i.e. offender or victim).

The only way, however, to determine if the information is held and to retrieve that information is to manually review the crime record in order to access the Person record, to then manually review the that record to determine if their nationality is recorded. As this would involve the review of hundreds, if not thousands of records, this would 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 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.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

A search of the Crime Recording System could be carried out and the recorded ethnicity of the offender can be electronically extracted.

If this would be of use to you, you can re-submit your 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 –

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

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