



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0818

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Date: 08/09/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0818

On 13/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you provide the following information in csv or excel format:

1 - How many people have been arrested by police at or in connection to pro-Palestine protests since the October 7 Attacks in 2023? Please provide the number of people arrested broken down by age.

2 - What offences were these people arrested for? Please include the breakdown of the number of people arrested for each type of offence (e.g. supporting a proscribed organisation, assault on officer, public order offence).

3 - How many people were detained in custody following these arrests? Please provide the breakdown of the number detentions in custody for each type of offence.

4 - How many people were charged with the offence they were arrested for? Please provide the breakdown of the number of people charged for each type of offence/charge.

As under Section 16 of the Act, please advise on how I can amend my FOI if you cannot provide the requested information.

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

Unfortunately, it is 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 or under specific legislation; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for "Protests", therefore in order to ascertain if any relevant arrest information is recorded, a manual review of over 17,000 records would be required. This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of 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.

Under Section 16 – Duty to Assist, it has been researched as to whether it is possible to retrieve the requested information by any other means;

There is an arrest description free text field within the detention record. This can be searched for records where the term 'protest' is contained within the free text wording.

You may submit a new request on this basis however please be advised that, depending on the number of results returned from such a search, this may still become subject to the Section 12 cost refusal.

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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