



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0846

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Date: 21/10/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0846

On 19/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please provide data showing how many report of shootings your force has received between 2020-2025. Please break data down per year. For the year 2025, please provide data as close to the present date as possible.

Please search for the terms "gunshot", "gun shot", "shooting", "firearm", "bullet", "shot".

A shooting is defined as the act of discharging a firearm.

2. Please also provide data showing how many firearms you have recovered and confiscated between 2020-2025. Please break data down per year. For the year 2025, please provide data as close to the present date as possible.

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.

When an Individual contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. The Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and its reporting function is limited. I can confirm that whilst we are able to conduct keyword searches, these will still need to be manually reviewed to determine relevance to your request – for example, where one of the keywords forms part of a What3Words location, the incident itself may not be relevant. The term "firearm" will also locate all incident records where armed response has been deployed, however the reason for the deployment may not be relevant to your request.

For the date range of your request, there are over 50,600 records where at least one of the keywords listed above are present. This would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act, and therefore Section 12 is engaged.

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. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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