



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0858

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0858

On 22/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could I have the following information if available:

1. The number of crimes recorded considered to be digital domestic abuse within, for example, this framework: <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/digital-domestic-abuse/>
 - a) Out of these, how many resulted in arrests?
 - b) How many of these resulted in a conviction?

On 26/08/2025 you sent the following:

Apologies, I just realised I forgot to specify a timeframe in my request. Could I please have the information from 2022, 2023 and 2024?

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

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. If that incident is deemed to fall within the Home Office Crime Recording Rules, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Whilst we are able to electronically retrieve the number of substantiated crimes recorded in connection with Q1 from the Crime Recording System, it is not possible to electronically identify occasions where an arrest is linked to that crime. The only way to identify this information is to manually review all relevant crime records from the time period specified. As this would involve the review of hundreds of records, this would clearly take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you can refine your request to come within the cost constraints of section 12 of the 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 – Duty to Assist

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.

With regards to Q3, please be advised that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

That being said, I can confirm that the Constabulary could search the Crime Recording System for the number of substantiated crimes recorded, and then provide the outcome i.e. Charge, NFA, Caution etc

If this information would be of use to you, you can submit a new 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 –

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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