



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0868

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Date: 28/10/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0868

On 28/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

How many people of pensioner age, 67 and older, have been arrested by Gloucestershire Police for taking part in UK protests between Jan 2015 and August 2025, please.

Please break this information down month by month, and by age bracket (for example, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90-99) of those arrested.

For example:

January 2025

60-69: 9

70-79: 5

80-89: 3

90-99: 1

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 records is required. Although we have been able to reduced

the number of record by applying a filter for the age of the individual at the time of the detention, there are still over 900 records to review. As this will take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act, the Section 12 refusal 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 – Duty to Assist

We may be able to carry out the manual review if the date range is reduced. If this would be of use to you, please amend the date range and resubmit 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

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Yours sincerely,

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