



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0871

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Date: 29/09/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0871

On 29/08/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Since July 5th 2025 until the date that this request is received, how much has been spent on policing protests directly linked to Palestine Action?
2. Since July 5th 2025 until the date that this request is received, how many cumulative days have people arrested for supporting Palestine Action (under Terrorism Act 2000) spent in custody suites?
3. Since July 5th 2025 until the date that this request is received, how many people arrested for supporting Palestine Action (under Terrorism Act 2000) have been:
 - Released without bail
 - Released with bail
 - Charged
 - Remanded in custody

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

With regards to questions 2 & 3, we are unable to answer these questions without a manual review of records.

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, such as those listed under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for protests, or for supporting a proscribed organisation. A manual review is therefore

required of all authorised detentions to firstly determine if the arrest is related to a protest event, and then to further determine if that event was related to Palestine Action. For the time period specified in your request, there are over 1,400 arrest records that would need to be reviewed, which would take 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied a response to Q1 of your request. I trust this is helpful. Please be aware that the provision of the below does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q1 – No information held.

There is no separate cost code for the policing of protests.

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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