



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0884

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Date: 01/10/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0884

On 04/09/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide data on the number of racial and religious hate incidents and crimes recorded by your police force between 1 March 2025 and 2 September 2025, including both violent and non-violent offences, as well as aggravated grievous bodily harm (GBH) where applicable.

For each offence type, please provide:

The raw number of offences recorded that were flagged as racial or religious offences and hate crimes.

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Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested.

Although the Incident Recording System has a Hate tag, unfortunately, the incidents are not broken down any further into the different hate strands. The system is also largely free text and as such, every hate-tagged incident would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain if it related to a racial or religious hate incident. As this would involve manually reviewing hundreds of incidents, this would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours allowed under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to 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

I can confirm that the Crime Recording System does record the strand of hate, and we would be able to search specifically for the number of records where the race and religion strands have been applied. If this information would still be useful, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk

If you do wish to submit a new request on this basis, and to help us direct our searches, please could you specify the offences that are relevant to your request.

Offences are recorded according to the Home Office counting rules. You can find the counting rules by following the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

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,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary