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Our reference: FOI_25_0885

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0885

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

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

The total number of recorded racist and anti-migrant crimes over the past three years (broken down by year, if possible).

A list of each recorded incident of racist and anti-migrant crimes within this period, including:

The date and location of the offence, and The nature of the incident (for example, what was said or done).

The purpose of my request is to understand whether the recent political and media focus on immigration, including small boat crossings, may have had an impact on the prevalence of crimes targeting ethnic minorities and migrants.

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. There are no specific "anti-migrant" offences, therefore the only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each crime record.

For the period of 01/01/2022 – 31/08/2025 there are over 188,000 records that would need to be reviewed which would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by 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.

Section 16 – Duty to Assist

By way of assistance I confirm that the Constabulary could search its crime database for crimes where the hate strand for Race has been applied to the record. If this would be useful information, please submit a new request.

Depending on the number of records returned from the search, it may then be possible to manually review those records to determine if the offence is linked to migrants.

Please be advised, however, that whilst there are fields to record a person's ethnicity, there are no fields to record a person's nationality, therefore we are unable to use this to narrow down search results meaning that Section 12 may still be engaged.

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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