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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0907

On 10/09/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For 1-Apr-2024 to 31-Mar-2025, for the following offences;

- Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury (8P)
- Racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury (105B)
- Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (8M)
- Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress (9B)
- Racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage (85J)

And these offences, where offence was marked as a hate crime;

- Assault with injury (8N)
- Assault without Injury (105A)
- Harassment (8L)
- Public fear, alarm or distress (9A)
- Criminal damage to a dwelling (58A)
- Criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling (58B)
- Criminal damage to a vehicle (58C)
- Other criminal damage (58D)

Please can you:

1) Where offenders were arrested for the above 13 offences, could you please provide data on the ethnicities of those arrested?

2) Additionally, could you please provide the number of victims for each of these offences, separated into three categories: police, non-police emergency workers and non emergency workers (ie general public).

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. The offences you have listed are Home Office Offence Categories.

The Constabulary does not use the Home Office categories for recording arrests. Instead, Gloucestershire Constabulary's Arrest Recording System records arrests under specific reason for arrest codes and can only search against those codes. There are no specific arrest codes for the offences you have listed. These are however used to record substantiated crimes. A search of the Crime Recording System can be carried out, however a manual review of these records would then be required to determine if any linked arrest has been recorded. Following an initial search of the crime recording system, a manual review of over 1,000 records would be required which would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

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

Although we cannot provide a response in relation to arrest data, we are able to electronically extract the ethnicity of the suspect from Crime data. If this would be useful to you, you can submit a new request.

In addition, please be advised that we are unable to answer Q2 – there are no markers or tags to identify the “status” of a victim. Any searches made would need to be based on the occupation of the victim – if recorded.

Unfortunately, the occupation field within the Crime Recording system is free text and non-mandatory. As such, the field is not always completed, and if it is completed, it may not be updated, meaning that a manual review of records would again be required to determine if any relevant information is held.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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