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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0956

On 02/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- In the years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, how many police reports alleging rape and/or sexual assault on a hospital site were made?
- Of these, how many of the alleged perpetrators worked for the NHS at the time of the offence?
- Of these, how many of the alleged offences took place on hospital wards?
- How many of these accusations led to a charge?

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 only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each incident where the result code is Sexual Offences – there is no separate result code for Rape. The Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and its reporting function is limited. There is no mandatory requirement to record the occupation of an alleged perpetrator, meaning that a manual review of records will be required for this information also. For the calendar year of 2025 alone, there are over 1,700 records. A manual review would therefore 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 substantiated crimes recorded within the date range and for the appropriate offences. Please be advised that the occupation of the alleged offender cannot be electronically extracted. There is no mandatory requirement to record this information and a manual review would be required to determine if relevant information is held.

If it would be useful, you can submit a new request for the number of crimes recorded and their outcomes.

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,

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