



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0965

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Date: 19/11/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0965

On 03/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following aggregated statistical information for your police force area, covering the period 1 January 2019 - present.

For businesses described as "barbers", "hairdressers", "hair salons", "nail bars/salons", or "beauty salons" (keyword search acceptable), please provide:

1. The total number of raids, operations, or enforcement actions involving these business types.
2. The total number of arrests made.
3. The total number of charges brought.
4. The total value of cash or assets seized (if recorded in aggregated form).
5. The total number of referrals made to HMRC, NCA, or Immigration Enforcement.

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 to determine if any relevant information is held is to canvass staff from the individual Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) to check if any records are held regarding "raids" or enforcement actions/operations.

There are no flags or markers within the Arrest Recording System to identify if any authorised detention was linked to such action, meaning that all arrests would need to be manually reviewed, initially for the location of the arrest, and then to determine if there were any warrants or intelligence that directed attendance at the location. To carry out the required searches would 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 – unable to assist

Unfortunately I am unable to provide any assistance under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act as I am unable to suggest any way to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

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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