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Date: 04/06/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0990

On 13/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Are you investigating the tattle life website?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, Gloucestershire Constabulary can neither confirm nor deny whether it holds the information that you have requested as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 30 – Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities.

Section 17 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. With regards to the disclosure of your request, the following exemptions apply
Section 30 - Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption and consideration of the public interest must be given as to whether neither confirming nor denying information exists is the appropriate response.

Public Interest Test**Factors Favouring Disclosure**

The disclosure of this information may provide the public with an awareness of any and help to inform public debate on the subject, which in turn would provide greater transparency covering the investigation process and the actions of the Constabulary.

Factors against Disclosure

Disclosing the requested information could impact on investigations which may or may not be ongoing and any disclosure could undermine the effectiveness of any investigations. Furthermore, disclosing this information may identify to offenders whether their offending behaviour has been reported to the Police and if not. Which may result in a continuance of the behaviour. It is an accepted fact that offenders monitor FOI requests and attempt to gather information in order to evade police detection.

Victims may be able to identify themselves from the information disclosed, thereby causing potential distress and deterring them from reporting future instances of harm to the Police, which in turn would harm public trust and confidence within policing. This will hinder the prevention and detection of crime.

Balance Test

Police Forces are tasked with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. The effectiveness of investigations and the intelligence they provide is of paramount importance and the Police service will not divulge details that would compromise ongoing investigations or the prevention and detection of crime.

For the reasons set out above it is our opinion that the balance test is in favour of withholding the requested information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

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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