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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1044

On 27/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the FOI Act I request the following information.

In Gloucestershire if a suspect is arrested on a Saturday evening and released the next day (26 miles away from their arrest location) they are given a public travel pass to get home. This is then taken away when they ask for a taxi to be called at the suspect's expense as they say it is the police being nice and not a legal requirement.

I would like to know what your Force's policy is in regard to suspect's getting home if they are 26 miles from the arrest location and it is a Sunday when public transport may be limited.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

The following has been extracted from Gloucestershire Constabulary's Custody Manual:

"24.5 Transport on Release from Custody

24.5.1 Emphasis upon transport away from the custody suite will be placed upon the detainee. Arresting officers should have reminded detainees to bring mobile phones and money to the suite at the point of arrest. Detainees will be afforded the opportunity to contact a friend or family member to collect them or will be provided with a list of public transport options.

24.5.2 If the Custody Officer deems it necessary to arrange transport as part of a risk assessed based exit strategy, they will liaise with the Force Control Room to arrange for officers to attend the suite and provide transport.

24.5.3 Detainees will be released from custody via the public entrance through the Visitors' Reception, whilst those requiring transport home will be released into the care of the escorting officers."

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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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