



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_1057

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Date: 18/11/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1057

On 04/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide data on the number of individuals arrested in your force area between 2018 - 2025, per year, where their immigration status was recorded as "illegal", "refugee", "irregular", "undocumented", "asylum seeker", or "failed asylum seeker" and total number of arrests.

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.

There is no mandatory requirement to record the asylum status of detainees within the Arrest Recording System. The only way to determine if any relevant information is held is to manually review all arrest records. As this would involve the review of thousands of records, this 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 – Duty to assist

It may be possible to reduce the number of records that require a manual review by filtering the nationality of the detainee, where recorded, however this will greatly depend on the number of records retrieved by the search.

If this would be useful, please could you provide the nationalities that are relevant to your enquiry.

If you wish to submit a request on this basis, please let us know.

To assist with the provision of nationalities, I have provided a link below to the Home Office publication – [List of ethnic groups - GOV.UK](#)

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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