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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1061

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

I am writing to ask that you please provide information on how many suspects have been arrested and remain released under investigation for each of the following crimes in the past five years:

1. Coercive and controlling behaviour
2. Rape
3. Sexual assault

Please break this figure down year by year.

ie. XX number arrested in 2020 and still under investigation, XX number in 2021.

Please also break down the figures by sex, where possible. ie. X number of male suspects, X number female.

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

Following clarification, you stated that we should pursue searches of crime data, not arrest data as Gloucestershire Constabulary's arrest recording system uses "Reason for Arrest" codes that are specific to the arrest recording system. Following these searches, for the timescale you provided, 674 incidents were returned. Each of the 674 incidents would require a manual check to determine if suspects were remanded under investigation.

As such, you should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Attempted rape of female -16						1	1
Attempted rape of female 16+				2	2	5	9
Attempted rape of male 16+					1		1
Engage in controlling/ coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship			4	7	30	176	217
Rape of female -13 by a male	1	4	5	8	9	15	42

Rape of female -16	3	2		9	14	29	57
Rape of female 16+	4	3	12	23	62	168	272
Rape of male -13 by a male		2	1		2	10	15
Rape of male -16				3			3
Rape of male 16+			1	1	2	6	10
Sexual assault of female -13 by penetration	2	1	1	1	3	8	16
Sexual assault on female 13+ by penetration		1	2	1	8	19	31
Total	10	13	26	55	133	437	674

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
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Yours sincerely,

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