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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1065

On 06/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you please supply me with the following information concerning commercial cannabis farm raised in your respective policing authority as outlined below.

How many commercial cannabis farms have been identified in your policing authority since 2015 including 2025? (Please indicate a cut off date - eg up to and including October 2025) How many commercial cannabis farms raids have there been in your policing authority since 2015 including 2025? (Please indicate a cut off date - eg up to and including October 2025) What was the total estimated street worth of the cannabis seized from commercial cannabis farms in your policing authority from 2015 until 2025? (Please indicate a cut off date - eg up to and including October 2025) What was the total estimated street worth of the cannabis seized from commercial cannabis farms in your policing authority from 2015 until 2025? (Please indicate a cut off date - eg up to and including October 2025) How many convictions have there been in relation to commercial cannabis farm raids in your policing authority from 2015 until 2025? (Please indicate a cut off date - eg up to and including October 2025)

Could the above three questions be presented in data that is also split up by year, and the previous function of the location (i.e. school, shop etc) ?

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to retrieve the information requested by means of electronic searches.

There is no mandatory requirement to record the value of seizures.

Whilst there is a database where drug seizures are logged, this data is unreliable due to how it is recorded - some entries record the amount of plants seized, some log the weight.

The only way, therefore, of trying to determine the street value of cannabis seized would be to manually review each entry on the database. This would involve the review of hundreds if not thousands of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you can 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.

Section 16 – Duty to assist

Although there is no specific offence of “cannabis farm”, nor is there a specific way of recording, offences can be recorded using one of the following –

- Production of a cannabis plant (092/21)
- Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes – Cannabis (093/21)
- Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class B – Other (092/25)

A search of the Crime Recording System can be conducted to identify the number of crimes recorded. A filter can then be applied using MO Location codes to determine if the previous use of the location is recorded.

If this would still be useful and you wish to submit a request on this basis, please let us know.

If this would be useful, please confirm the exact terms you would like us to search. Please note that a search will only be useful for standalone words/terms that don't also form part of other words/terms.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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