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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1073

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

1. Fireworks-related incidents generally

Please provide the total number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents involving fireworks recorded by your force for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

2. Fireworks-related incidents involving pets or animals For each of those years, please indicate how many of these incidents involved domestic pets or companion animals (including any reports of injury, distress, or danger to such animals caused by fireworks).

If your recording system does not specifically identify incidents involving pets or companion animals, please instead provide the number of incidents that involved animals of any kind.

3. Outcomes

Where available, please indicate the final outcome or disposal of these incidents (for example: no further action, warning issued, community resolution, prosecution, referred to another agency, etc.).

If outcome data are available for the animal-related subset of incidents, please provide a separate breakdown for those cases.

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. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each incident recorded over the specified time period.

An initial search of the Incident Recording System for incidents recorded between 01/01/20 and 31/12/24, where the keyword of "Firework" has been identified, has returned over 3800 records that would need to be reviewed to determine if animals are discussed within the incident. We have also conducted a search for ASB incidents, however, the available date range is shorter (March 2023 – Dec 2024). This returned over 1700 records that would require manual review to determine if fireworks are mentioned within the text of the report. A review of these records would take 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 – unable to assist

Under Section 16 of the Act, unfortunately I'm unable to provide any advice for how you could refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12. Even if you reduce the time period, it is unlikely to reduce the number of incident records enough to make a manual review possible.

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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