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Date: 22/01/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1144

On 26/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- How many arrests were made under the Public Order Act 2023 during protests?
- What did those arrests lead to?
 - o No further action
 - o Release on bail
 - o Release on investigation
 - o Charged
- Of the arrests, how many were from an environmental protest (local and/or national/international groups)? It would be ideal if you could mention the protest group every time it is an environmental protest.

Can you please share the data in an excel spreadsheet, giving data for each point mentioned above and for every month between May 2023 and the month when you reply to this.

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

The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific Acts or offences under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules; instead it uses more generic Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for the Act you have stated above.

The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each arrest in all possible RFA categories. For the time period stated in your request, a review of over 1400 records would

be required and would therefore 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 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I am unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. The only way of doing so would be to reduce the date range, however this would need to be so far reduced to ensure that a manual review could be conducted within the FOIA timescale that this would be unlikely to still provide meaningful information.

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
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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