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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1174

On 04/12/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Request 1

This email is a formal Freedom of Information Request. If available, **please provide a breakdown of the following information for the Serious Disruption Prevention Order(s) (SDPOs) that your force has issued under Sections 12 or 14 of the Public Order Act 1986.**

1. The number of SDPOs that were issued between 5 April 2024 and 31 October 2025.
2. The prohibitions and/or requirements that were imposed by the SDPOs referred to in Q1.
3. The number of SDPOs referred to in Q1 that were breached and/or in the event that a single SDPO was breached more than once, the total number of breaches between 5 April 2024 to 31 October 2025.
4. For breaches of SDPOs between 5 April 2024 and 31 October 2025, the enforcement action, including any prosecutions, taken in response.

Request 2

This email is a formal Freedom of Information Request. We are interested in understanding **how Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions (ASBIs), and Dispersal Orders (all powers set out in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) have been used by your force in relation to protest-related activity or public demonstrations** between the dates of 1 October 2024 and 31 October 2025. Specifically, please provide the following information, if available, regarding such orders:

1. The number of ASBIs and Dispersal Orders issued for or enforced against protest-related or public demonstration activities from 1 October 2024 to 31 October 2025.
2. The number of PSPOs imposed or breached in respect of protest-related or public demonstration activities between 1 October 2024 and 31 October 2025.
3. The specific behaviours that justified issuing the PSPOs, ASBIs, and Dispersal Orders referred to in Q1 and Q2.
4. The prohibitions and/or requirements that were imposed by the PSPOs, ASBIs, and Dispersal Orders referred to in Q1 and Q2.

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

Following receipt of your request, initial searches were conducted. I can confirm that the information you have requested, in relation to request 2 (ASBIs) may be held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, however we do not record such information in a central database which would allow its extraction within the permitted time constraints. To provide a definitive response would require the search of all local files in each Constabulary location. Furthermore, we may need to ask all officers to search their personal records for relevant information too. We have estimated that this request would far exceed the permitted time constraints, therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00

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 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 of the Freedom of Information Act provides the opportunity to assist the applicant with any suggestions or variation that may allow a search to be undertaken within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

I confirm that the Constabulary could provide the following:

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.

During the time frame you specified, 1 dispersal order was issued in relation to escalating town centre anti-social behaviour from youths. Another was issued due to concerns of a licensed music event causing anti-social behaviour.

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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