



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_1198

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Date: 18/12/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1198

On 15/12/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing in response to my request (25_1192) which was rejected earlier today.

Is it possible to confirm whether your force uses any incident codes, flags, or descriptors to record:

- hospital guarding
- constant watch of detained persons in medical settings.

If so, please provide:

- the name of the code(s)
- the total number of times such a code was applied in 2025 (i.e. between 1 Jan 2025 and 15 Dec 2025).

If you do not hold this information, it would be greatly appreciated if you could tell me what information you do hold on this subject.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

As detailed in the previous response, the number of hours spent hospital guarding or constant watch of a detained person is not recorded in a format that can be extracted for the purposes of an FOI request. There are no specific tags or codes or mandatory recording practices for this.

It is possible that some information may be held within individual Officers pocket notebooks, but I am unable to advise what information that may be, and a manual review of all notebooks held by all officers would be required to determine this which would engage the Section 12 refusal.

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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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