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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0720

On 22/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am making a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information about your organisation's procurement activities and contract opportunities.

Information Requested:

1. Current and Planned Procurements

- Details of procurement exercises currently underway or planned within the next 12 months
- Estimated contract values and expected award dates
- Key service areas being procured (e.g., vehicles, equipment, IT systems, facilities)

2. Contract Renewal Information

- Major contracts (over £50,000 annual value) scheduled for renewal in the next 18 months
- Contract review dates and renewal processes
- Categories of services under contract

Scope: Please provide information covering the period from [current date] to [18 months forward]. I understand that some operational details may be exempt for security reasons.

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

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Gloucestershire Constabulary to locate the requested information and I can confirm that the information requested is held, however, I am not required to supply it because exemptions apply.

The exemption applicable to the information is **Section 21 - Information reasonably accessible by other means**. This is because the information is already freely available at:

<https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/contracts>

Any other contract information that is not published on the Bluelight website, and information regarding planned procurements, has been exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

- **Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement**

Section 31 requires Harm and Public Interest Test, which can be found below.

Harm

The release of some contractual information specifically around contract description, supplier name and products used by Gloucestershire Constabulary, could reveal capabilities available to the force and consequently give important information to those with criminal intent. The release of this information combined with detailed information readily available on the internet, would allow criminals to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our capabilities. They would be able to use information in planning terrorist and criminal acts.

The release of this information would therefore impact on the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of terrorists and criminals and increase the fear of crime in the community Gloucestershire Constabulary seeks to serve.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure

There is a public interest in knowing how public money is being spent in ensuring value for money both at the point of purchase, and also in respect of what those resources are to be used for.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

There is a strong public interest in ensuring Gloucestershire Constabulary's effective law enforcement capability. Disclosure of supplier identities and product information together with contract descriptions would mean that individuals could research details about capabilities available to the force. This may allow terrorists and criminals the opportunity to assess strengths and any possible weaknesses of these capabilities. This would compromise law enforcement which could lead to more crime being committed and individuals being placed at risk. This information may also be used by criminals/terrorists in combination with other information they have gathered to try and disrupt law enforcement.

Balancing Test

It is my view that the public safety from non-disclosure is of greater importance than the advantage of public confidence from the disclosure of this information. Gloucestershire Constabulary will not disclose information that could compromise the future law enforcement role of the force.

Having considered all the factors for and against disclosure, the reason against disclosure outweighs the reason for disclosure and so the decision at this time to maintain the above

exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

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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