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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0239

On 03/03/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request the following data on corrosive offences between 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025 inclusive.

1. The number of offences that were recorded as physical corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.
2. The number of threats of corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.
3. The age and gender of victims of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.
4. The age and gender of suspects of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.
5. Outcomes of physical corrosive substance attacks against the person.
6. Outcomes of threats of corrosive substance attacks against the person.

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

Regarding Q1, 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 where the keyword of 'threat' and or 'threats' is present. This would involve the review of thousands of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to 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.

Duty to assist

If you were to omit questions 1 & 6 we could potentially provide figures from crime level data. Using the link below to the Home Office Counting Rules you can view all offences and decide which ones would be of use to your request.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

If the above suggestion would be of assistance, please submit a new FOI request. 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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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