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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0020

On 08/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I wish to make a request for information please.

PACE Code C, paragraph 7.5 states that "a record shall be made...of any communications with UKVI about a detainee's claim to be a refugee or to be seeking asylum and the resulting action taken by police."

Can you please tell me - for the years 2025 and 2024 (or just 2025 if doing both years would exceed the cost limit) the number of individuals who had such a record made about them whilst in the detention of the police force.

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that searches were undertaken within Gloucestershire Constabulary to identify and locate the relevant information.

Unfortunately, there is no central register for the requested information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct retrievable electronic searches. Therefore, a manual review of each recorded arrest would have to be undertaken in order to retrieve the requested information. This would require a manual review of in excess of 40,000 arrest records as only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held, as this would involve the review of hundreds of thousands of records this 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'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the requested timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timeframe afforded by the Act but 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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