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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0022

On 07/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of arrests where the individual's recorded address at the time of arrest was an asylum accommodation site (hotel, dispersal housing, or contingency accommodation).

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

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically retrieve the information you have requested.

Although the crime recording system can and does capture information surrounding linked address of a subject, it is not possible to accurately report on this.

This field is held within the Person Record on the system and although this links to the Crime Record, it is only possible for the reporting function to retrieve the most recent address which is likely to therefore be inaccurate. For example, a person could come to police notice in 2020 and give an address and then again in 2026 and give a new address. The system would retrieve both crimes as occurring with the subject showing only at the new address. There has been an ever-evolving list of addresses which could be linked to asylum accommodation meaning an address linked at the beginning of 2025 may not be linked at the end of 2025.

As such, in order to accurately provide any relevant information, a manual review of all crimes, person records which then would need to be cross referenced to any accommodation linked at the time of the alleged offence which would take far longer than the prescribed time constraints.

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.

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, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of 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 timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale 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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