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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2026.0073

On 19/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: I would like to know how much it is costing the force to pay for two chiefs (Maggie Blyth and Rod Hansen), including any travel and subsistence (eg accommodation, fuel, food, etc).

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: I would also like to know if the current temporary chief has ever had any experience "on the beat", ie as an actual officer.
food, etc).

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

Following your request we have sought this to our relevant specialist team within Gloucestershire Constabulary. Please see below.

Request 1

During T/CC Blyth time as Gloucestershire constabulary has paid £3,637.71 in subsistence this period covers October 2024 to March 2026.

Section 17 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.

With regards to the disclosure of the senior officer salaries, the following exemption applies:

Section 22 – Information intended for future publication

I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary do hold some relevant information regarding the above questions. However, the Constabulary have in place a publication strategy for such information where a full report will be published in July this year. This report will contain the following information

Senior officers' salaries, expenses, pensions and benefits in kind are disclosed annually in the Financial Statements (Note 19) which are published on both CC and PCC websites. The 2025/26 Draft statements will be published in July 2026.

Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as information intended for future publication.

This exemption is qualified and class based and therefore is subject to a Public Interest Test.

Q2) Gloucestershire Constabulary can confirm T/CC Blyth joined Glos Pol as T/CC and therefore her service with the Constabulary has been in the strategic space whilst serving.

Public Interest Test

This Public Interest Test is focused on whether the public interest favours the early release of this information, ahead of the next scheduled publication, which is due in May 2011.

Reasons for disclosure:

Disclosure of this information would provide up to date statistics on how the Constabulary are restructuring and making the required budget savings, therefore showing the accountability of the Constabulary to provide our service and the most cost effective way.

The disclosure of the most recent information regarding this issue would enhance public knowledge of the subject, providing information that may better inform public debate.

Reasons against disclosure:

In order to provide a response to this request, the information would need to be retrieved and collated prior to the requirement to do so for the next scheduled publication. This would involve a disproportionate use of resources at this time and would affect the efficient and effective conduct of the force.

The section 22 exemption was specifically laid down by Parliament to benefit those authorise who proactively publish information. To constantly produce new and up to date elements of the currently published information, in order to satisfy an additional need outside of the scheduled publication of the report will render these exemptions less effective and remove the benefits of proactive publications.

Balance Test

It is deemed that the efficient and effective conduct of the force would be most harmed in the disclosure of this information therefore the balance falls on the side of non-disclosure. The reason for disclosure will be satisfied in the near future through the publication of the report.

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, I have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your 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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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