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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0145

On 06/02/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025.

1. Do you record 'parental conflict' as a risk factor / vulnerability marker or equivalent in your missing children reports?
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, please tell us:
 - a. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to missing children (those aged 0-17)?
 - b. In how many of those incidents was 'parental conflict' identified?
3. If the answer to 1 is no, please tell us:
 - a. Do you routinely record another type of risk factor / vulnerability marker that is similar or equivalent to parental conflict? If so, please list those here
 - b. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to missing children (those aged 0-17)?
 - c. In how many of those incidents was / were the answer(s) to 3a identified?

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 carried out by one of the Constabulary's subject matter experts (SMEs). Unfortunately, some of the information you requested, such as data regarding reported missing incidents is not available for the SME to retrieve easily and via electronic means. Incident reports are recorded in the free text section of a case file and to determine the number of incidents reported, a manual review of all the

cases in the date range you provided would be required. The SME has confidently estimated that this will take more than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act and therefore, section 12 of the Act is engaged.

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.

- I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary routinely records other types of risk factors / vulnerability markers that are similar or equivalent to parental conflict, as follows:
 - *Are there family or relationship problems or a recent history of family conflict and/or abuse?*
 - *Is there any ongoing bullying or harassment, for example racial, sexual, homophobic, local community concerns or cultural issues etc.?*
 - *Does the missing person have any workplace (school/college/university/place of work) or financial problems, for example truancy, threat of expulsion/redundancy/sacking, debt or possible or known blackmail?*

Vulnerability Marker	Count (Children / All)
Are there family or relationship problems or a recent history of family conflict and/or abuse?	0-17 = 576 Total = 1114
Is there any ongoing bullying or harassment, for example racial, sexual, homophobic, local community concerns or cultural issues etc?	0-17 = 35 Total = 59
Does the missing person have any workplace (school/college/university/place of work) or financial problems, for example truancy, threat of expulsion/redundancy/sacking, debt or possible or known blackmail?	0-17 = 314 Total = 483

Section 16 – Duty to assist

By way of assistance, I confirm that the Constabulary may be able to search its records for missing persons, rather than reported incidents of missing persons.

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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