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Date: 15/06/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0204

On 20/02/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of recorded offences and/or arrests relating to:

- a) Soliciting for the purposes of prostitution
- b) Keeping or managing a brothel
- c) Controlling prostitution for gain
- d) Paying for sexual services

Please break this down by year.

2. Of the individuals identified in relation to soliciting prostitution offences, how many were recorded as:

- a) Potential victims of human trafficking or modern slavery
- b) Vulnerable adults
- c) Referred to safeguarding services

Please break this down by year.

3. The number of recorded crimes where the victim was identified as a sex worker, broken down by offence type (e.g. sexual assault, rape, robbery, assault). Please break this down by year.

4. The number of investigations relating to controlling prostitution for gain that resulted in:

- a) Charges
- b) No further action

5. Where possible, could you also identify the top five streets and areas where arrests have been made in relation to soliciting sex work?

Please provide all the data broken down by year and, where possible, in spreadsheet format.

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

have completed a manual search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's crime database which produced a total of over 3,000 case which would need manual review.

When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

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 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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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