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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0268

On 11/03/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you tell me how many cameras are operated and used by your police force that are produced by Chinese companies. Please specify what type of camera this is, including but not limited to: CCTV cameras, ANPR cameras, body worn cameras, front and rear-facing dash cameras. If applicable, please also specify if any of these cameras, if produced by Chinese companies, use either live or retrospective facial recognition.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

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

Following receipt of your request, we have sought our specialist team within Gloucestershire Constabulary who have responded to answer your request. Please see below

Q1) Gloucestershire Constabulary operates 0 Chinese manufactured CCTV cameras. This includes ANPR, Body worn cameras, including dash cameras

Retrospective facial recognition (RFR) does not take place at the point of image capture and is not a function of the camera itself. Cameras are capture devices only, whereas RFR involves the later analysis of stored images or footage using separate facial recognition software.

Please see publicly available information explaining this distinction, such as the Home Office factsheet - [Police use of facial recognition: factsheet - GOV.UK](#)

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
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Yours sincerely,

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