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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0328

On 25/03/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information in relation to the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (commonly known as Clare's Law):

1. Applications received

Please provide the total number of Clare's Law applications received in the following calendar years: 2023, 2024, 2025

2. Outcomes of applications

For each of the above years, please provide:

- a) The number of applications that resulted in a disclosure being made
- b) The number of applications that did not result in a disclosure

If available, please also include the number of applications withdrawn or not progressed.

3. Nature of offences disclosed

For the most recent ten cases in 2025 where a disclosure was made, please provide:

- a) The primary offence disclosed in each case
- b) Please ensure all responses are fully anonymised and redacted to avoid identifying individuals. A brief description of the offence type (for example, "assault occasioning actual bodily harm", "coercive and controlling behaviour") is sufficient.

4. Repeat offenders

a) Please provide the number of disclosures (for each year listed above, if available) where the subject of the disclosure had:

More than one recorded domestic abuse-related offence or incident

If your systems do not allow this exact breakdown, please provide the closest available equivalent measure and explain any limitations.

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

Unfortunately, regarding part 4 of your request, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve without the manual review of over 3700 records. This would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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 part 4 of 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.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies, and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to

information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly, whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Q1) Total number of Clare's Law applications received

2023: 901
2024: 1291
2025: 1566

Q2) Outcomes of applications

a) The number of applications that resulted in a disclosure being made

2023: 269
2024: 370
2025: 535

b) The number of applications that did not result in a disclosure

Please note: the numbers below include duplicate applications, applications not in criteria for a disclosure and 'no disclosure' applications due to there not being any/any relevant information to disclose.

2023: 632
2024: 921
2025: 1031

In response to the number of applications withdrawn or not progressed: no information is held.

3) Nature of offences disclosed

1. Stalking x 2
2. Assaults x 8 (this includes Non-fatal strangulation and GBH)
3. Assaults x 3
4. Assaults x 23 (including sexual assaults)
5. Stalking x 1, Theft x 1 and Malicious communication x 1
6. Assaults x 5 and Harassment x 5
7. Assaults x 3
8. DA Burglary x 2
9. Assaults x 5
10. Assaults x 18

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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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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