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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_xxx

On 15/04/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I hope you're well. I would like to access some information via a FOI request.

I'd be grateful if you could provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. From start of the 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026, please provide the total number of football related arrests linked to each of these categories:

- Total football related arrests
- Violent disorder
- Public disorder
- Throwing missiles
- Racist and indecent chanting
- Entering the pitch
- Alcohol offences
- Ticket touting
- Possession of offensive weapon
- Possession of pyrotechnics
- Entering/inside stadium in possession of Class A drugs

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

- Criminal damage/offences against property
- 2. Please break down these arrests by the following:
 1. The number in each category that were recorded as racially aggravated
 2. The number in each category that happened inside a stadium
 3. From start of 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026 , provide the number of banning orders that were issued
 4. Please disclose the number of reports received about online racist abuse from start of 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026
 1. Abuse directed at a football club in relation to players
 2. Abuse directed at a footballer
 5. For each category of reports, please provide the following information:
 1. Number of arrests
 2. Number of charges

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

Unfortunately, there is no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. The Constabulary records arrests under specific reason for arrest codes and can only search against the specific codes. There is no code for “football-related”, and any arrest may fall within several categories including theft and criminal damage. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each arrest in all possible arrest codes. This would involve the review of hundreds of records and 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 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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