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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0421

On 04/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information:

1. The number of incidents recorded by your force where a dog was deemed "dangerously out of control" (e.g. Home Office code 008/21 or equivalent), and which resulted in:
 - a) Injury to a person; and/or
 - b) Death of a person
2. Of the incidents identified in Question 1, please provide the number of cases where:
 - a) The dog was not destroyed / euthanised following the incident;
 - b) The dog remained with the owner, was re-homed, or otherwise not put down (if held).
3. Of the incidents identified in Question 1, please provide (where recorded):
 - a) The number of victims who were children (under 18);
 - b) The number of victims who were adults (18 and over).
4. Where recorded and available within cost limits, please provide a breakdown of the outcomes for the dogs involved in these incidents (e.g. destroyed, seized and retained, returned to owner, rehomed, or other outcome).
5. Please provide the data, broken down by year, for the most recent 5 calendar years available (or financial years if more appropriate).

If it is not possible to provide all of the requested information within the cost limit, please:

- Prioritise Questions 1 and 2; and
 - Provide advice and assistance under Section 16 as to how the request may be refined.
- Please provide the information in electronic format (e.g. spreadsheet or CSV where possible).

If any part of this request is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds relevant information. We have gathered responses from our specialist

teams. However, for questions 2b, 3a, 3b, 4, and 5, retrieving and extracting the requested data would take our nominated unit more than 18 hours. Therefore, we are refusing those parts of your request as it exceeds the appropriate cost limit.

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 fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q1a)

Year	Total
2022	252
2023	362
2024	346
2025	344

Q1b) 0

Q2a) 59 PTS (Euthanasia)

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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