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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0423

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

1. How many offences were recorded each year (2015–2025) where a victim was allegedly drugged or had a substance administered without their consent by an intimate partner (spouse, cohabiting partner, or boyfriend/girlfriend), and a sexual offence was subsequently committed against them while incapacitated? Please include data regardless of how the investigation originated- whether victim-reported, arising from third parties, device seizures, platform referrals, or where police identified and approached the victim directly.
2. In how many of those cases were there allegations that one or more third parties also committed or attempted to commit a sexual offence against the victim while they were incapacitated? Please include the total number of suspects identified across each case and data for suspects for non-contact offences.
3. Of those recorded offences, how many resulted in:
 - (a) arrest of a suspect
 - (b) arrest of additional suspects within the same investigation
 - (c) a file submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service
 - (d) a conviction
 - (e) no further action
4. In how many cases was there an allegation or evidence that images or video recordings of the victim were made without their consent during the offence?
5. Of the cases in question 4, in how many was there an allegation or evidence that such material was shared with third parties via: (a) adult or pornographic websites; (b) encrypted or private messaging platforms; (c) file-sharing platforms? Please provide a count for each category where recorded (note: I am not requesting a

breakdown by individual platform name, only by category, to assist with proportionality).

6. This final question is not limited to cases involving an intimate partner. How many recorded offences or investigations between 2015 and 2025 have featured suspected DFSA where video or imagery of the victim being sexually assaulted whilst in a state of incapacitation was subsequently posted on: (a) adult or pornographic websites; (b) encrypted or private messaging platforms; (c) file-sharing platforms? Please provide a count for each category where recorded. Please include data regardless of how the investigation originated- whether victim-reported, arising from third parties, device seizures, platform referrals, or where police identified and approached the victim directly.

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that searches were undertaken within Gloucestershire Constabulary in order to identify and locate the relevant information.

Unfortunately, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct electronic searches. For the requested period, there were in excess of 10,250 recorded sexual offences. In order to ascertain whether these records were relevant or not to your request, they would all have to be manually reviewed.

The only way to obtain whether the victim and offender had an intimate relationship, whether there were allegations of any substances being administered, whether a third party was involved, the outcome of the offence, or whether there were any allegations that images or video recordings of the victim were made or shared would require a manual review, this would involve the review of thousands 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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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