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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0428

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

This is a request for information according to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

It relates to crimes committed against abortion and reproductive healthcare facilities. Please note there is one part to my request.

(1)

In the time period 1 January 2021 up to 1 May 2026, how many reports of (a) criminal damage and arson [offence codes 56A, 56B, 57, 58D];

(b) threat to commit criminal damage [offence codes 59.4];

(c) criminal or malicious damage offences [offence code 149];

(d) harassment;

(f) breach of a safe access zone according to Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023 (England/Wales);

(g) any other criminal offence [please specify]

where the location of the reported offence was an abortion clinic or reproductive healthcare clinic.

Please provide the data per crime, per calendar year. Please provide the outcome of each report, e.g. No further action; caution; charge.

I would like to receive the information electronically.

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

Following receipt of your request, an initial search of the Constabulary's crime recording system was undertaken for crimes committed between 01/01/2021 and 01/05/2026. Unfortunately, we are unable to search specifically for "abortion" or "reproductive healthcare". More general terms such as "medical" or "hospital" could be searched for, but we expect there to be hundreds within the time frame you have provided us with. Subsequently, each of these records would need to be manually reviewed and we have confidently estimated that this would take more than the 18 hours allowed within the Freedom of Information Act and therefore section 12 is applicable.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the 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 – duty to assist

It may be possible for us to search the crime recording database for a shorter period using the general locations I have referenced above ("hospital" / "medical"). Should you wish for us to proceed with a new search, please use the following link to specify which exact offences you would like us to search for: [Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers, staff - GOV.UK](#). Also, please provide the new time period and the general locations you would be happy for us to look at. It may be possible to manually review a smaller number of cases, but until we receive further instruction, we cannot be certain either way.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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