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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_26\_0464**

On 12/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please confirm which incident categories, event types, NICL qualifiers, tags, or other classification codes your force uses to record incidents relating to any of the following:

- Trail hunting
- Hare coursing
- Any other form of hunting with hounds
- Related disorder or wildlife-crime-related activity

If these incidents are recorded under broader categories (e.g., Rural Crime, Wildlife, Animal, ASB Nuisance, Suspicious, Criminal Damage, etc.), please specify which categories apply.

**2. Incident Counts (Extractable Data Only)**

For each category identified in response to Question 1, please provide the number of recorded incidents in each of the past five calendar years.

If your force is able to extract incident counts using keyword searches (e.g., "hunting", "hare coursing", "wildlife"), please provide the results of such searches.

### 3. Time Spent on Incidents (If Held in Command & Control System)

If your command-and-control system records active time (i.e., time between call receipt and disposal), please provide the total active time for the incidents identified above for each of the past five years.

If this information is not held or not extractable, please confirm this.

### 4. Named Operations (If Applicable)

If your force has run any named operations relating to hunting, hare coursing, rural crime, or wildlife crime in the past five years, please provide:

- The operation name
- The year(s) it ran
- Whether incident counts or active-time data are held for it

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds 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 part of the requested information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct electronic searches. Additionally, where direct electronic searches were possible for the requested information, there were a significant number of results which would require manual review to ascertain if any relevant information is held.

For example, a free text search for 'hunting' across the last 5 years from the date of receiving your request resulted in a return of 3,959 incident logs which would need to undergo manual review to ascertain if any relevant information is held. To provide the requested information, the relevant incident logs would also then have to be manually reviewed for the amount of time resources were dispatched to the incident.

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 – Duty 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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely,

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