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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0544

On 05/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to recorded residential burglaries in your policing area for the calendar year 2025.

1. Time of occurrence

Please provide the number of residential burglaries broken down by the recorded time of occurrence. Where exact times are not available, please provide the data by the following time bands:

- 00:00-05:59
- 06:00-11:59
- 12:00-17:59
- 18:00-23:59

Where offences are recorded using an occurrence window rather than an exact time, please provide the data using the occurrence time bands or methodology used internally by your police force.

2. Method of entry

Please provide a breakdown of recorded residential burglaries by method of entry, including any categories recorded by your police force such as:

- Forced front door

- Forced rear door
- Forced patio/French doors
- Forced window
- Unlocked door or window
- Garage
- Key theft
- Other
- Unknown

If different categories are used internally, please provide the data using those categories.

3. Occupancy status

Please provide a breakdown of recorded residential burglaries according to whether the property was:

- Occupied at the time of the offence
- Unoccupied at the time of the offence
- Unknown

If occupancy status is recorded using different classifications, please provide the data using the classifications held by your police force.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording system for residential burglaries between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025. 786 crimes were recorded in this 12-month period. However, some of the information you requested, such as method of entry and occupancy status is not retrievable electronically. To locate any relevant information would require us to conduct a manual review of the 786 records and we estimate confidently that this would exceed the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act, so section 12 of the Act is relevant.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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