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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0599

On 24/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information for all years your digital records cover, up to and including 2025:

The number of dog related incidents where the victim was aged 0–11.

Of those, how many occurred in a domestic setting (home, private garden, or other private residential property)

Where recorded, the breed/type of dog involved.

Where recorded, the relationship between the dog and the child (family dog, neighbour's dog, friend/visitor's dog, or stranger's dog)

I am requesting statistics only, not case files or personal data.

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

Following receipt of your request, for all dog related incidents where the victim was aged 0-11, from when the Constabulary's electronic records began to 31/12/2025, an initial search was undertaken. After conducting a search of the Constabulary's incident recording database, with a key word of "dogs", for just 5 years' incident data, over 40,000 records were returned. Some of the records could relate to incidents where there was a victim was aged 0-11, whereas some records could merely include the term "dog" or "dogs" in which an incident was reported by a member of the public, such as a "concern for dogs".

As such, I can confirm that the information you have requested may be held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, however, they are not held in a format that would allow their extraction within the permitted time constraints. To provide a definitive response would require each record to be reviewed manually to establish relevance to your request. We have confidently estimated that this would far exceed the permitted time constraints, therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00.

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

If you would like to continue a request for incident information, you could narrow the time frame down so that less records are returned, however, it is still highly likely that a considerable number will be returned for even a 12-month period and could still require manual review. You could request recorded information about crimes instead and in this, provide us with the specific offences you would like to be searched.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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