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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0619

On 01/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make an open government request for information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025.

1. How many individual children (those aged 0 - 17) were reported missing in your policing area?
2. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing children (those aged 0 - 17)?
3. How many individual adults (those aged 18+) were reported missing in your policing area?
4. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing adults (those aged 18+)?
5. In how many missing incidents was a safe and well check / prevention interview conducted:
 1. In relation to missing child incidents
 2. In relation to missing adult incidents
6. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing children?
 1. Mental health
 2. Child sexual exploitation
 3. Child criminal exploitation
7. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing adults?
 1. Mental health
 2. Sexual exploitation
 3. Criminal exploitation

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

8. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was harm identified:
 1. In relation to missing child incidents
 2. In relation to missing adult incidents
9. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was a referral made as a result of the safe and well check in relation to missing children:
 1. Number of PPN reports submitted
 2. The number of other referrals made
10. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was a referral made as a result of the safe and well check in relation to missing adults:
 1. Number of PPN reports submitted
 2. The number of other referrals made

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

Following receipt of your request, contact was made with one of Gloucestershire Constabulary's subject matter experts (SME) in missing persons. Searches were conducted to locate the number of children, incidents, adults, safe and well checks, and interviews you requested data about for the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to extract all the data electronically in a timely manner; for questions 9 and 10, our SME has stated that PPNs were not in existence in 2025 and Gloucestershire Constabulary used VISTs. VISTs were manually processed and to locate and physically review them now would take more than the 18 hours permitted by the Freedom of Information Act. 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.

In addition, as there were various mechanisms for raising referrals across the different the departments of Gloucestershire Constabulary, the time to physically request and locate the number of referrals made would also contribute to exceeding the 18 hours permitted under the FOI 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. How many individual children (those aged 0 - 17) were reported missing in your policing area? **819**
2. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing children (those aged 0 - 17)? **2704**
3. How many individual adults (those aged 18+) were reported missing in your policing area? **941**
4. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing adults (those aged 18+)? **1387**
5. In how many missing incidents was a safe and well check / prevention interview conducted:
 1. In relation to missing child incidents
Force policy is that Safe and Well checks must be completed on all Children reported missing. I can only provide figures on reports that were closed without a Safe and Well check being completed. This total is 51 for this period.
 2. In relation to missing adult incidents
Force policy is that Safe and Well checks must be completed on all adults reported missing. I can only provide figures on reports that were closed without a Safe and Well check being completed. This total is 50 for this period.
6. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing children?
 1. Mental health
No information held – not a reportable flag on the system
 2. Child sexual exploitation
155
 3. Child criminal exploitation
44
7. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing adults?
 1. Mental health
No information held – not a reportable flag on the system
 2. Sexual exploitation
**No information held – not a reportable flag on the system
However, 57 flags of vulnerable adult/person at risk**
 3. Criminal exploitation
No information held – not a reportable flag on the system
8. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was harm identified:
 1. In relation to missing child incidents
96

2. In relation to missing adult incidents
147

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

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Yours sincerely,

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