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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0634

On 03/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I request the following information for the period 1 January 2018 to the most recent date available.

Please provide the number of recorded crimes within your police force area where the suspect or offender was recorded as:

- having entered the United Kingdom by crossing the English Channel from France in a small boat;
- being an asylum seeker;
- having been granted refugee status;
- being a failed asylum seeker;
- residing in Home Office asylum accommodation, including asylum hotels, contingency accommodation, dispersal accommodation, barges or military accommodation.

Where held, please provide annual totals for:

- Recorded crimes (alleged offences)
- Arrests
- Voluntary interviews
- Charges

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.

- Files submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service
- Outcomes
- Convictions (if held)

Please provide a breakdown by offence category including:

- Homicide
- Violence Against the Person
- Sexual Offences
- Rape
- Assault by Penetration
- Sexual Assault
- Child Sexual Offences
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Grooming
- Indecent Images of Children
- Exposure
- Voyeurism
- Robbery
- Burglary
- Theft
- Criminal Damage
- Fraud
- Drug Offences
- Weapons Offences
- Public Order Offences
- Hate Crime
- Domestic Abuse-related Offences
- Modern Slavery Offences
- Immigration Offences
- All Other Recorded Offences

Please also confirm:

1. Whether your force records or has access to any field identifying:
 - o immigration status;
 - o asylum status;
 - o refugee status;
 - o method of entry into the UK;
 - o Home Office asylum accommodation.
2. Which systems or databases were searched to answer this request.
3. If the requested information is not held, whether your force instead records:
 - o nationality;
 - o country of birth;
 - o foreign national offender markers;
 - o Home Office immigration checks;
 - o or any other field capable of identifying non-UK nationals.

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

Unfortunately, there is no way to retrieve all the information you have requested by way of electronic searches as we would be required to use the modus operandi (MO) free text field using key words as specific tags or flags for what you've asked for do not exist. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each crime report. This would involve the review of thousands of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act. For this reason section 12 of the Act is engaged.

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

Although reducing the timescale would reduce the number of records, you may also wish to specify the exact crimes you would like to be searched for and provide any key words that could be filtered from the MO free text.

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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