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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0635

On 04/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide me the following information:

- Number of deaths within your force area by those aged under 21 within the last 5 years that the police attended (This means the physical Presence of Uniformed Officers)
- Please provide a breakdown of this figure year by year and separate it into Gender (at Birth)
- For those that took place in public, please provide me a list of the recorded locations

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

To attempt to answer your request, an initial search was undertaken of the Constabulary's incident recording system for incidents of sudden death, as there are no other electronic tags or filters that we can apply to retrieve the information you asked for. The dashboard we can access for initial searches goes back to August 2023 and from this point 700 records were retrieved. To establish if any of these cases contain information relevant to your request, we would be required to manually review each one. Including the additional cases that we expect to receive to satisfy the date range you provided, we confidently estimate that this would take in excess of the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information of Act and therefore section 12 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 – 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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