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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0645

On 08/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am looking for data which I cannot find on your website.

1. In the following years, please provide figures for:

a. the number of child sexual abuse cases your force investigated during

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and

1 Jan – 30 June 2026.

b. Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the suspect for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.

c. Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.

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.

d. Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest child sexually abused/exploited for each corresponding year in a table.

e. Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.

f. Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.

2. Turning to 'group-based child sexual exploitation/abuse', in other words so-called 'grooming gangs'. In the following years, please provide figures for:

a. the number of group-based child sexual exploitation/abuse' cases your force investigated during the following years:

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024,

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and

1 Jan – 30 June 2026.

b. Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the suspects for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.

c. Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.

d. Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest child sexually abused/exploited for each corresponding year in a table.

e. Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.

f. Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.

I am requesting this information because I cannot find it on your website.

I believe you have figures in an easily retrievable form because of parliamentary scrutiny, and that my request will not exceed sec 12 costs.

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

Unfortunately, for a response to your second question, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. There is no code or marker to identify "group-based child sexual exploitation/abuse".

Whilst there is a marker for Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), the only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held with respect to group-based child sexual exploitation/abuse would be to manually review each record that falls under “sexual offences” where the CSE tag is present, for the time period of 01/01/2020 – 30/06/26, to establish if any of these fit the definition of group-based offending. A manual review of these records would also be required to determine any relevance. We confidently estimate that this would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act as we would expect thousands of records to be returned which would require manual review.

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

By way of assistance, you may wish to submit a new request to request the number of crimes on which a CSE (child sexual abuse) tag has been applied. You will need to specify which particular offences you will want us to look for. Please use the following document to do so: [Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers, staff - GOV.UK](#).

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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