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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_ 26\_0658**

On 10/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am requesting all information that you hold in relation to Unidentified Flying Object/Unidentified Aerial Phenomena sightings for the period 1st January 2025 to the 31st December 2025.

This includes all reports made by members of the public or employees of your force that include the following keywords:

UFO, UAP, UAV, USO, lights in the sky, aliens, extra-terrestrial beings, drones, orbs

This information should include date, time, location and the description given by the reporting person.

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

Please note that our incident system will only allow searches when 4 or more characters have been entered, this means that UFO, UAP, UAV, USO were invalid searches.

A search was conducted between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2025 for the below key words within the freetext of an incident. This will highlight each time the word has been used even within the same incident:

- UFOs,
- UAPs,
- UAVs,
- USOs,
- lights in the sky,

- aliens,
- extra-terrestrial beings,
- drones,
- orbs

Each incident then had to be viewed to gain the required information. There were Nil returns for UFOs, UAPs, UAVs, USOs, lights in the sky, extra-terrestrial beings, orbs.

The key word “Alien” returned the following results:

| Time/Date     | Area                                   | Key Word/s                                               |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 04JAN25:17:14 | AA4 - Swindon Village and Wymans Brook | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 06JAN25:19:56 | FA1 - Chipping Campden                 | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 04MAR25:11:33 | BB4 - Hucclecote Abbey and USL         | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 01APR25:20:40 | CB4 - Dursley and Cam                  | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 22APR25:16:31 | BA1 - Gloucester City Centre           | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 05MAY25:08:34 | EA3 - Coleford                         | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 07MAY25:02:08 | EA1 - Newent                           | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 09MAY25:06:55 | CB2 - Berkeley                         | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 19MAY25:15:20 | DA1 - Tewkesbury                       | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 19MAY25:18:43 | BA3 - Kingsholm and Wotton             | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 28MAY25:15:37 | CA1 - Stroud Urban                     | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 14JUN25:18:47 | EA1 - Newent                           | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 14JUL25:12:27 | BA1 - Gloucester City Centre           | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 23AUG25:10:54 | CA1 - Stroud Urban                     | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 14OCT25:11:34 | EA2 - Cinderford                       | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 29OCT25:10:23 | AA7 - St Pauls and Pitville            | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |

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| 07NOV25:09:32 | EA1 - Newent          | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 16NOV25:16:24 | CB4 - Dursley and Cam | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 01DEC25:05:27 | AA6 - Prestbury       | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 15DEC25:17:43 | DA5 - Severn Banks    | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |
| 28DEC25:15:52 | CA1 - Stroud Urban    | Aliens - Mentioned by word, no further description given |

“Dones” was mentioned 5,097 times, of which all the records would need to be reviewed manually which would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

One example incident was a concern for welfare where “Drone” was mentioned 11 times and the drone mentioned was a police search drone.

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.

### **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](mailto: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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