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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0683

On 17/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For the calendar year 2025:

- The total number of recorded residential burglaries and, if available, by month
- The days of the week ranked by frequency of residential burglaries.
- The 10 most commonly recorded categories of property stolen during residential burglaries, together with the number of recorded thefts for each category.
- Breakdown of residential burglaries by property type, where recorded (e.g. detached, semi-detached, terraced, flat/apartment)
- A breakdown of residential burglaries by method of entry, using categories recorded by the service e.g. unlocked doors/windows, forced entry

Please note domestic dwelling data would be welcomed if it is the term used by the service as opposed to domestic.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted for all substantiated crimes of burglary from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 under the following Home Office burglary categories:

- Aggravated burglary (residential)
- Attempted residential burglary of a home
- Attempted residential burglary of unconnected building
- Burglary – residential
- Burglary dwelling

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.

- Distraction burglary – residential (home)
- Residential burglary of a home
- Residential burglary of unconnected building

1609 records were returned.

For the separate questions you asked regarding categories of stolen goods, method of entry & property type, I can confirm that the information you have requested may be held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, however, we do not record all the information in a format that would allow its extraction within the permitted time constraints. To provide a definitive response would require a manual check of the free text crime reports of all 1609 records to extract any relevant recorded information in response to your queries. We have confidently estimated that this part of the request would exceed the permitted time constraints of the Freedom of Information Act, therefore Section 12 of the Act is applicable. 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.

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:

- Determining whether information is held
- Locating it
- Retrieving it
- 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.

You requested a monthly breakdown of the recorded residential burglaries. Please find this information below:

2025	Total
January	134
February	135
March	140
April	123
May	135
June	160
July	122
August	115
September	121
October	167
November	131
December	126
Total	1609

You also asked for a breakdown of the days of the week ranked by frequency of residential burglaries. Please find this information below, sorted by greatest to least:

Day	Count
Monday	253
Thursday	251
Tuesday	244
Wednesday	243
Friday	238
Saturday	195
Sunday	185

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
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Yours sincerely,

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