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Date: 22/07/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0696

On 21/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For the period 1 January 2018 to 1 June 2026:

1) The total number of arrests recorded by your force in connection with football matches or football-related events.

1a) Of these, how many involved individuals were aged under 18 at the time of arrest.

1b) Where available, please provide an annual (calendar year) breakdown of the under-18 arrests.

2a) If the type of offence is included in your data (e.g. public order, violence, possession of pyrotechnics), please also include this information.

For the purposes of this request, 'football-related' refers to arrests recorded by the force as connected to a football match, football event, football policing operation, football banning order matter, or otherwise classified as football-related within police records.

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

Unfortunately, there is no way to retrieve the information by way of direct electronic searches. The Constabulary records arrests under specific reason for arrest codes and can only search against the specific codes. There is no code for "football-related", and any arrest may fall within several categories including public order and criminal damage. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each arrest in all possible arrest codes whilst also identifying dates and locations of football matches held within the county. This would involve the review of hundreds of thousands of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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
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Yours sincerely,

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