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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0713

On 28/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide a list of any systems, tools or projects currently in use, being trialled, procured but not yet operational, or under development by or on behalf of the force that fall within the following definition of “data-driven policing.”

For the purposes of this request, data-driven policing refers to systems, tools or projects that use data analytics, statistical modelling, algorithmic processing, risk assessment, predictive analytics, machine learning or artificial intelligence to inform or support policing decisions, assessments, prioritisation or operational activity.

For each system, tool or project, please provide:

1. The name of the system, tool or project and a brief description of its purpose.

2. Whether it is:

o operational;

o being trialled;

o procured but not yet operational; or

o under development.

3. Whether it uses, or is intended to use, data that:

o originates solely from the force or other policing bodies; or

o also includes data originating from non-police organisations, such as local authorities, NHS bodies, other public-sector organisations or private organisations.

4. Copies of any Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs), or equivalent Privacy Impact Assessments, held in relation to each system, tool or project. Where a document is already publicly available, a link to it is sufficient.

For clarity, this request includes systems that identify or present patterns, trends, associations, links, risks or other data-derived contextual information, or that produce scores, classifications, predictions, alerts, recommendations, prioritised lists or other analytical outputs.

This includes systems used to inform or support human judgement where the final decision remains with a human user, including systems described as providing only information or additional context and systems that the force does not formally describe as “artificial intelligence”.

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that searches were undertaken within Gloucestershire Constabulary to identify and locate the relevant information. Unfortunately, there is no central register for the requested information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct retrievable electronic searches. Therefore, a manual review of all digital systems or tools used by each business area would have to be undertaken and then assessed against your provided criteria of “data-driven policing”.

It is important to note that data-driven policing is not limited to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and would include non-AI systems and tools which use predefined algorithms or data analysis techniques to analyse and present data which can be used in a decision-making context that may affect members of the public. With this in mind, it is estimated that the process of identifying, forming a comprehensive list of systems or tools used by each department and then assessing each system or tool against the criteria would take considerably longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

This is because determining whether a system or tool used by the Constabulary is within the data-driven policing criteria would require consultation with multiple business areas, interpretation of the criteria within an operational and administrative policing context, and a likely system by system assessment in order to identify any relevant information.

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 – Advice and Assistance

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Changing the definition of your request would not reduce the estimated time it would take to review all systems and tools as they would still require review against any preset criteria.

By way of assistance, may I direct you to a publication by the National Police Chiefs' Council. You may find section **5.2 Governance** of interest. Please see the link below.

[National Policing Digital Strategy 2025-2030](#)

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 –

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Yours sincerely,
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