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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0714

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information relating to prayer rooms, quiet rooms used for religious observance, and the marking of religious festivals across the force's premises.

For the purposes of this request, "staff time" includes time spent by police officers, police staff, contractors or other personnel where this is recorded by the force.

1. Expenditure on prayer rooms,
For each of the following financial years:
 - a. 2023/24
 - b. 2024/25
 - c. 2025/26
 - d. 2026/27 to date, if available

Please state the total recorded expenditure incurred in establishing, operating and maintaining prayer rooms or multi-faith rooms across the force.

Where possible, please distinguish between one-off establishment costs and ongoing running costs.

2. Staff time relating to prayer rooms
For each of the financial years listed above, please state the total recorded staff time devoted to maintaining, administering, coordinating or managing prayer rooms or multi-faith rooms.

Please provide the information in hours or working days, according to the format in which it is held.

For the most recent complete financial year, please also state separately the total recorded staff time spent specifically administering, coordinating or managing access to prayer rooms.

If the force does not hold a calculated total, please provide any recorded estimate, staffing allocation, workload assessment or equivalent recorded information that is held.

3. Religious festivals and holy days,
For each of the following financial years:
 - a. 2023/24
 - b. 2024/25
 - c. 2025/26
 - d. 2026/27 to date, if available

Please state the total expenditure incurred by the force in marking, celebrating or supporting religious festivals, holy days or faith-related events.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by the particular festival or faith with which the expenditure was associated.

Please exclude ordinary staff salaries unless additional expenditure, overtime or another separately recorded cost was incurred.

4. Staff time relating to religious festivals
For each of the financial years listed above, please state the total recorded staff time allocated to organising, administering, coordinating, promoting or attending religious festivals, holy days or associated events in an official capacity.

Please provide the information in hours or working days, according to the format in which it is held.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by the particular festival or faith concerned.

If no total is held, please provide any recorded staffing allocation, estimate or equivalent recorded measure that is held.

5. Access to prayer rooms
For each prayer room or multi-faith room currently operated by the force, please state:
 - a. the premises or police facility at which it is located;
 - b. whether it is available to both male and female users;
 - c. whether male and female users may use it at the same time;
 - d. whether any separate rooms, segregated areas or separately allocated sessions are provided;
 - e. the days or times allocated to particular groups, where applicable;
 - f. whether the room is designated as a multi-faith facility or for the use of a particular religion; and
 - g. where segregated facilities or sessions are provided, whether this affects the room's availability for use by people of other faiths or no faith.
 - h. Please provide copies of any current policies, guidance or booking rules governing access to and use of these facilities.

Please provide the information electronically.

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

1. Gloucestershire Constabulary does not have dedicated prayer rooms. There are multi-purpose rooms across the constabulary which people are able to use for various activities including but not limited to prayer, breastfeeding, meditation, mental wellbeing. Therefore, no individual or specific figures are available for the request.
2. As above.
3. There is no dedicated budget for religious events, this will fall part of neighbourhood policing team engagement role and therefore, no individual or specific figures are available for the request.
4. As above.
5. As per point 1.

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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