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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request for: 26_0728

On 31/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

My query relates to data on drug facilitated sexual assault. I appreciate there is no Home Office crime code specifically for this and so I am asking you to cross check particular crimes with key word searches in the text fields.

I would like all of the following data broken down for each calendar year from 2015 to 2025, and Jan to June 2016.

1. For each year: The number of incidents reported of rape or sexual assault where the log also contains any of the following key words: “sleep” OR “drugged” OR “drug facilitated” (on your incident logs)

2. For each of the above (broken down by year), how many of these incidents were then logged as crimes? (on your crime recording system)

3. For each of the crime reports (in questions 2), how many: a. Proceeded to investigation, b. Proceeded to prosecution, c. were logged as No Further Action

4. For each year - how many a. Incidents logged, and b. Crimes logged for “conspiracy to rape”

5. For each year - how many a. Incidents logged, and b. Crimes logged for “conspiracy to administer a substance with intent”

6. For each year - how many a. Incidents logged, and b. Crimes logged for “administering a substance with intent to engage in sexual activity”

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.

If you are unable to answer any part of this request, please move on to the next question and provide as much information as you can.

I would like to receive this information in the form of an email reply.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary. I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

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

Following receipt of your request, an initial search was undertaken of the Constabulary's incident recording system for Q1 of your request. In this system, I am only able to carry out a key word search. As instructed in your request, I used the term "drugged". Over 2000 records were returned and as this would require a manual review to be conducted to ascertain which records are relevant to your request, section 12 of the Act is engaged. Similarly, for the keyword "sleep", over 112,000 records were returned. This means that we confidently estimate that this manual review will exceed the 18-hour limit set down by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the 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 – duty to assist

It would be possible to provide you with the overall number of incident records in which the key words “drugged” and “sleep” appear, but a manual review of these records would be required to ascertain their relevance to the offences you asked for. We may be able to undertake a search for crime data alone but cannot link this to incident data as they are two different systems held by the Constabulary. For crime level data, you will be required to provide the Home Office offence which you would like us to search for. A link can be found here: Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers, staff - GOV.UK.

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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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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