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Our reference: FOI_26_0731
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Date: 17/09/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0731

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as extended to Northern Ireland public authorities where applicable), I request the following information.

For the period 1 January 2022 to the date this request is processed:

Has your force received any correspondence, legal letters, pre-action protocol letters, threatened legal claims, judicial review correspondence, complaints from solicitors, or other formal legal representations from:

Alliance Defending Freedom UK (ADF UK)

Alliance Defending Freedom International (ADF International)

Lawyers, solicitors or counsel acting on behalf of either organisation

relating to:

abortion clinic "buffer zones" or safe access zones;

public spaces protection orders restricting activity around abortion facilities;

alleged silent prayer incidents;

offers of conversation, support or assistance near abortion facilities; or

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.

the policing of protests, vigils or other activity connected with abortion services.

If yes, please provide:

the date(s) of the correspondence;

the name of the organisation or legal representative sending it;

a brief description of the matter;

whether the matter related to a specific individual; and

the outcome (for example: no action taken, complaint resolved, policy review, settlement, court proceedings, judicial review, ongoing matter, etc.).

Please provide copies of:

correspondence received from ADF UK, ADF International, or legal representatives acting on their behalf – including any original legal letters sent to the force

correspondence sent by the force in response;

legal letters before claim;

internal briefing notes prepared in response to such correspondence;

records of meetings or communications between the force and ADF UK/ADF International concerning these matters; and

any final outcome letters, settlement agreements (with personal information redacted as necessary), court judgments, or formal decisions arising from such matters.

Please provide the number of cases, incidents, complaints, legal claims or threatened claims involving ADF UK or ADF International concerning the subjects listed above.

Where any exemption is relied upon, please provide all reasonably segregable material and explain which exemption has been applied to the withheld information.

I am content for personal data to be redacted pursuant to section 40 FOIA.

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

To provide a definitive response to your request, I would be required to seek searches, electronic and manual, from all Constabulary business areas. To process these searches and then any information that is returned to me, to ascertain any relevant and recorded information to answer your questions, would exceed the 18-hour limit set out by the Freedom of Information Act and therefore, Section 12 is engaged.

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

If you can provide me with the names of the specific departments or business areas you would like me to approach, this would narrow down some of the search, however, please be aware that if manual and electronic searches are required, S12 may still be engaged.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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