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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0732

On 04/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Cost of policing pro-Palestine events The total policing cost attributable to Palestine-related protests, marches, vigils and related public order operations in this force's area from 7 October 2023 to the date this request is processed. Please provide this broken down by financial year (or by individual event/operation if held at that level), and state what is included in the figure (e.g. officer overtime, mutual aid, equipment).

2. Public order policing budget

The force's public order policing budget for the financial year immediately before October 2023 (i.e. 2022/23), and for each financial year since (2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 to date).

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

With regards to question 1, we are unable to answer this question without a manual review. The requested information is not retrievable through way of direct electronic searches, and it is not possible to isolate specific policing protest costs due to not using a specific budget code solely for the requested attributable costs. In order to process your request, firstly a list of all relevant additional policing and public order deployments would have to be established, a review of operational resources deployed at any relevant identified periods identified and during any relevant deployments such as a standalone public order deployment would also be required in order to ascertain if additional resources were utilised for the requested purpose and thus costs through deploying additional resources were incurred. As there is no central public order budget, it is not possible to solely isolate these costs. Any identified additional costings would then require a further manual review in order to ascertain the purpose of the additional costs. Due to the way in which the Constabulary systems operate, it would not be possible to isolate the requested

costings, and any returns would require a full review. For example, it would not be possible to isolate overtime incurred for your requested attributable costs compared with incident led overtime incurred during the same day, date, and time period. This process would have to be conducted for any identified costings. This manual review process cannot be quantified as it has been estimated that to do so would breach the 18-hour limit prescribed by the Act. It is clear that this process would involve a detailed process of identifying relevant policing activities, a review of operational resource deployments, and a review of any costings incurred which may or may not be relevant to the request. For the time period specified in your request, it covers a time period spanning in excess of 2 years and 9 months. It would clearly take longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to process your request.

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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied a response to Q2 of your request. I trust this is helpful. Please be aware that the provision of the below does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q2 – No information held.

There is no separate budget for public order policing within the Constabulary.

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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