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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0739

On 03/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Stolen property from residential properties

For the period 1 January 2024 to the date this request is processed, please provide data relating to the following categories of property reported as Stolen or Stolen & Recovered from residential properties (private dwellings):

- Jewellery
- Watches
- Ornaments/objects d'art
- Paintings, drawings, tapestries and other artwork

For each category, please provide:

- a. The number of items recorded as stolen or stolen and recovered.
- b. The total recorded value of those items, where available.
- c. A monthly breakdown of the number of items recorded as stolen or stolen and recovered, where readily available.

2. Highest-value stolen items

Please provide details of the 10 highest-value items, where a value has been recorded, reported stolen from residential properties (private dwellings) between 1 January 2024 and the date this request is processed, including:

- a. The estimated value of the item.

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.

- b. A brief description of the item.
- c. The year in which the theft was recorded.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording database for substantiated crimes of theft or burglary from residential properties/private dwellings during the period 01/01/2024 – 02/08/2026.

4430 records were returned. Unfortunately, we cannot easily search for specific items by electronic means, nor can we apply a tag to search for the cost of those items stolen. The only way of trying to determine a response to answer your questions would be to manually review the free text crime reports. As there are 4430 reports to review, we have confidently estimated that this would exceed the 18 hours limit set out by the Freedom of Information Act and therefore Section 12 of the Act is engaged.

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 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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