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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0763

On 12/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For the purposes of this request, please use the same definition as the UK's Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard, which defines an algorithmic tool as "a product, application, or device that supports or solves a specific problem using complex algorithms" that has "a significant influence on a decision-making process with public effect, or directly interact with the general public".

Please provide a list of all tools currently used by your force that meet this definition. To assist with your enquiries, I would expect this information to be held on your force's Information Asset Register, as per the NPCC's Covenant for Using Artificial Intelligence in Policing, which states: "Forces should ensure the public are aware of AI uses. This will typically include publishing an overview of the algorithms used and the known limitations of the training data used. The datasets will be present on the force IAR with allocated Information asset owners."

For each item on the list, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- * The name of the tool
- * A description of the tool
- * A description of the tool's purpose
- * A list of datasets used by the tool
- * Copies of any Data Protection Impact Assessments completed in relation to the tool

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that searches were undertaken within Gloucestershire Constabulary to identify and locate the relevant information. Unfortunately, there is no central register for the requested information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct retrievable electronic searches.

Therefore, a manual review of all systems used by each business area would have to be undertaken and then assessed against the Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard (ATRS) criteria. It is important to note that ATRS is not limited to Artificial Intelligence. It is a transparency framework which has been designed to record and describe tools and systems which use predefined algorithms or data analysis techniques to analyse and present data which can be used in a decision-making context that may affect members of the public. With this in mind, it is estimated that the process of identifying, forming a comprehensive list of systems or tools used by each department and then assessing each system or tool against the ATRS criteria would take considerably longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act. This is because determining whether a system or tool used by the Constabulary is within the ATRS criteria would require consultation with multiple business areas, interpretation of the ATRS criteria within a policing context, and a likely system by system assessment in order to identify any relevant information.

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 – Advice and Assistance

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Reducing or changing the parameters of your request would not reduce the estimated time it would take to review all systems and tools as they would still require review against any differing criteria.

By way of assistance, may I direct you to a publication by the National Police Chiefs' Council. You may find section **6.1 Data and analytics** of interest. Please see the link below.

[National Policing Digital Strategy 2025-2030](#)

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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