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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0791

On 20/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information for each of the last five full calendar years, that is 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

1. The total number of recorded domestic abuse related crimes for your force area, for each year.
2. Of those domestic abuse related crimes, the number that were closed under outcome code 16, being cases where a suspect was identified but no further action was taken because the victim did not support police action, for each year.
3. A breakdown of the number of domestic abuse related crimes closed under each other outcome code used, for each year, so that the proportion closed under outcome 16 can be compared against other outcomes.
4. Of the domestic abuse related crimes closed under outcome code 16 in each year, the number of those cases in which a domestic violence protection notice or a domestic violence protection order had been issued in relation to that case and confirmation of whether such cases are recorded under the same outcome code 16 as cases closed solely because the victim did not support further police action, or whether these are distinguished in any way on your systems.

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted by subject matter experts (SMEs), of which one was made of the Constabulary's crime recording database for

crimes from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2025 for domestic abuse (DA) offences. Responses to your first three questions were retrieved and can be found below in the *Providing Information Outside of the Act* section; however, our SMEs have notified us that a response to Q4 would require a manual search of all possible records to determine an answer as the information required is not easily searchable by electronic means. With over 26,000 records to interrogate, we have confidently estimated that this work would take more than the 18 hours allowed by the Freedom of Information Act as therefore Section 12 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.

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, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q1. Total number of recorded domestic abuse related crimes

Year	Total
2021	7108
2022	9533
2023	10394
2024	8585
2025	7777

Total	43397
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Q2. The number that were closed under outcome code 16

Year	Total
2021	5018
2022	5959
2023	5555
2024	4878
2025	4749
Total	26159

Q3. The number of domestic abuse related crimes closed under each other outcome code used

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
1: Charged	561	630	696	572	386	2845
1: Summonsed/postal requisition				3	9	12
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	6	4		1	7	18
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility		13	26	9	5	53
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	23	39	31	95	61	249
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	11	18	20	24	18	91
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	91	114	138	111	135	589
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1112	2319	3332	2263	1393	10419
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		1		16	216	233
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	5018	5959	5555	4878	4749	26159
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	45	47	47	50	43	232
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	79	126	167	138	94	604
1A: Alternate offence charged					1	1
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition					1	1
2: Youth caution	2					2
2: Youth conditional caution		1	1			2

20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	43	111	156	166	113	589
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	37	30	4	1	20	92
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken and there is no public interest to continue	9	27	14	7	8	65
3			1		3	4
3: Adult caution	22					22
3: Adult conditional caution	12	19	17	10	18	76
5: Offender has died					4	4
6: Penalty notice for disorder	1					1
8: Community resolution	19	54	144	130	121	468
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	2	2		1	3	8
RTC - NFA				1	1	2
Total	7093	9514	10349	8476	7409	42841

Section 16 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting any further ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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