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Your reference: N/A
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Date:

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0800

On 22/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would therefore like to request:

1. Electronic copies of all Fred West timesheets held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, including the timesheet referred to above and any other dates or periods for which timesheets are held.
2. Electronic copies of any associated work records held alongside, or forming part of the same collection of records as, those timesheets, where those records document the dates and/or locations at which Fred West undertook work.
3. Where the original records are held in paper form, scanned or otherwise electronically processed copies of those records.

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 by one of the Constabulary's subject matter experts (SMEs) using HOLMES. The SME was able to identify a production statement containing exhibit references for two timesheets that appear to be those referenced in your request. The SME could see that copies were made of these exhibits for review purposes. Unfortunately, the copies are not held electronically so viewing the timesheets would necessitate a manual review of the archives to locate either the original exhibits, or the copies that were at one time created, therefore Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act is engaged as we are confident that this would take the SME much more than the 18 hours prescribed by the Act.

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.

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,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary