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Date: 25/08/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0805

On 25/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of children (aged 17 years and under) arrested at a place of education for the following years:

- 2020/21
- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24
- 2024/25

For each year, please provide a breakdown by:

Age of the child at the time of arrest (where recorded)

Sex of the child

Offence category or type for which the arrest was made (e.g. assault, drug offences, weapons offences, public order)

Whether the child was subsequently charged, released under investigation, given a caution, or had no further action taken

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. Whilst the location of arrest is contained within an arrest record, there is no specific filter pertaining to all educational establishments within the policing area of the Constabulary. Therefore, in order to fulfil this request, the Constabulary would need to collate and review all arrests of individuals aged 17 and below across the requested 5-year period. Any arrest data held would then have to be manually reviewed for any relevant information. By way of example, for the years 2024 and 2025 there were 1,091 recorded arrests of individuals under 18 years of age. These 1,091 records would then need to undergo manual review in order to identify records whereby the individual was under 17 and ascertain if any further relevant information is held. At an estimate, part of your quest for the years 2024 and 2025 would take 90 hours and 55 minutes to process. With 1,091 records being allocated a review time of 5 minutes each. This process would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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 – 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. Even reducing the requested timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timeframe afforded by the Act but still provide the requested 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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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