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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0846

On 07/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide a list of any systems or tools currently operational that are used by the force that:

1. use statistical modelling, predictive analytics, machine learning, or other algorithmic processing to combine or analyse data and produce a risk score, probability, ranking, classification or prioritised list relating to offending, victimisation, vulnerability, harm or another policing outcome; or
2. use artificial intelligence to analyse or generate material for policing purposes, including image or video analysis, automated identification of people or objects, cold-case analysis, transcription or AI-assisted statements, or AI-assisted call handling and/or triage.

For each system, please provide its name and a brief description of its purpose.

This request excludes systems that merely store, manage or display information, and risk assessments completed manually by police personnel, such as DASH.

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

Unfortunately, this request exceeds the time limit for us to identify and provide the information, and we cannot see that you have refined your search from the previous request of 26_0713.

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 digital systems or tools used by each business area would have to be undertaken and then assessed against your provided criteria of “data-driven policing”.

It is important to note that data-driven policing is not limited to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and would include non-AI systems and tools 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 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 data-driven policing criteria would require consultation with multiple business areas, interpretation of the criteria within an operational and administrative 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 – 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
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Yours sincerely,

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