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Date: 22/10/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request for: 26_0861

On 11/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are seeking data held in your force's Case Management System.

For all of the following questions please provide the data broken down by the ethnicity codes that ne of the following two ways of recording ethnicity: 6+1 classification or 18+1 classification.

How many people in your area went missing between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity and by age. In this question we are asking for the number of individuals, not total incidents/investigations:

0 - 17 years

18+ years

Unknown age

How many total missing investigations were there between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity and by age:

0-17 years

18+ years

Unknown

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

Please provide a breakdown of the outcomes of missing investigations for children between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity.

Found by police

Returned of their own accord

Found by another professional

Other

Please provide a breakdown of the outcomes of missing investigations for adults between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity.

Found by police

Returned of their own accord

Found by another professional

Other

How many missing investigations for children between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity, had a:

Sexual Exploitation marker

Criminal Exploitation marker

Mental health marker

Trafficking marker

How many missing investigations for adults between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity, had a mental health marker?

In how many missing investigations for children between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity, were the opening risk assessment levels:

High risk

Medim risk

Low risk

No apparent risk

In how many missing investigations for adults between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity, were the opening risk assessment levels:

High risk

Medium risk

Low risk

No apparent risk

Please provide the number of missing investigations for children between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity:

Which lasted more than 48 hours

Which lasted more than 7 days

Please provide the number of missing investigations for children between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity:

Which lasted more than 48 hours

Which lasted more than 7 days

In how many missing investigations for children between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity, did harm occur:

Harm suffered

Accidental harm

Emotional harm

Physical injury

Self-harm

Sexual offence victim

Unspecified

In how many missing investigations for adults between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity, did harm occur:

Harm suffered

Accidental harm

Emotional harm

Physical injury

Self-harm

Sexual offence victim

Unspecified

In how many missing investigations between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity, was there a fatal outcome:

Child missing incident

Adult missing incident

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 Constabulary subject matter expert (SME) conducted searches for the recorded and relevant information required to answer your request. Unfortunately, due to system limitations, to answer the following two elements of your request a manual search of the data would be required and the SME has estimated that this will take in excess of the 18 hours permitted by the Freedom of Information Act, so section 12 of the Act is engaged.

- *a breakdown of the outcomes of missing investigations for children between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity*
- *a breakdown of the outcomes of missing investigations for adults between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, broken down by ethnicity*

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 – duty to assist

Should you wish to submit a new FOI request, omitting the questions that engaged Section 12, we may be able to provide the information required to answer the questions you asked.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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