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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0872

On 15/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

College of Policing guidance states that the "National Command and Control Unit should be contacted immediately when the police are dealing with any foreign national person".

- 1) Can you please confirm whether this is the practice used by your force for the following groups: witnesses, victims, and arrested suspects.
- 2) For the time period: 1st September 2025 - 31st August 2026, please tell me the number of times that the NCCU was contacted following the arrest of an individual for a suspected offence.
- 3) For the above arrest figure, please provide this broken down by the immigration statuses provided by NCCU, or the format that it is recorded in your system (e.g. 112 valid leave to remain/enter, 17 no valid leave, 49 British national etc).
- 4) Please provide a breakdown by each immigration status, of the offence (or offences if possible) for which the arrests had taken place. e.g. valid leave to remain: 19 violence against the person, 7 sexual offence, 32 drug offences etc

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

Unfortunately, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the number of interactions with the National Command and Control Unit by way of direct electronic searches that could be achieved within the 18 hours prescribed by the Act.

The Constabulary records investigation actions such as contact with partner agencies and other actions within individual crime records. Any actions relating to detainees are held within a custody record. In order to process your request, it would involve undertaking a manual review of all recorded crime investigations and custody records within the specified time period in order to locate, retrieve and extract the requested information.

For context, for the requested time period, 1st of September 2025 to the 31st of August 2026, the Constabulary has recorded in excess of 45,000 crimes. In order to ascertain if any relevant information is held, these crimes would require a manual review alongside all custody and would therefore 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 timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

By way of assistance, I can advise that the Constabulary would be able to provide the number of arrests for specific immigration offences should that be of interest and you wish to submit a new request.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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