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Date: 11/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request for: 26_0886

On 17/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Please provide the number of people arrested in your force area for offences committed by a passenger on board an aircraft, broken down by offence, in the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025. Please include offences under the Air Navigation Order 2016 and the Aviation Security Act 1982, and general offences such as common assault, being drunk and disorderly, public order offences and criminal damages.

2. Separately, please provide the number of people arrested for the offences above committed within the airport itself, rather than on board an aircraft, in the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

3. If your force area has more than one airport, please break both sets down by airport.

I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, preferably as a CSV or Excel spreadsheet. If this is not possible, please provide the information in the most accessible format available.

I understand that you are required to respond to this request within 20 working days. If you need any clarification regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Unfortunately, we have no way of electronically filtering our data sets for this information regarding the specific locations you have requested; due to a change of recording systems, we would be required to manually search all possible arrest data for mention of

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an airport or arrest on an aircraft, which we are confidently estimate will exceed the 18 hours set out by the Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, section 12 of the Act is engaged.

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 resubmit a new FOI request, we advise that we may be able to conduct a search of the Constabulary's crime recording database, in which we may be able to search using a particular location. Should you wish to do so, please provide us with a specific location in our force area as well as the specific crimes/offences you would like us to search for. Please use the Home Office link below to obtain the relevant offence codes.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime

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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