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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0920

On 30/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following information

1. The total number of licenses to e-Safe remote monitoring software the force currently possesses.

2. The total number of licenses currently in use among offenders in the community, covered by the force.

3. Total number of offenders assessed as needing to be monitored using e-Safe in the force area.

4. Total number of offenders assessed as needing monitoring through e-safe but awaiting a license, as of 29/09/2026, in your force area.

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.

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

Section 17 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.

Regarding your request, the following exemption applies:

Section 31(1)(a) – Law Enforcement

Section 31 (1)(a)(b) is a prejudice based qualified exemption, therefore there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in confirming or not that the information is held as well as carrying out a public interest test.

Evidence of Harm

The disclosure of information through the Act, is a disclosure into the wider public domain. Disclosing specific detailed information surrounding the software used and the number of licenses available would pose a risk to ongoing law enforcement efforts in detecting and preventing crime, and the apprehension of offenders. Releasing the requested information into the public domain would risk it assisting individuals or groups seeking to circumvent and evade detection.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring the disclosure of information

Policing is centred on core principles which incorporate openness and transparency, the public have a right to know how public funds are spent. Disclosing the requested information would likely increase public confidence surrounding the management of offenders as it would provide an insight into actions taken by the Constabulary.

Factors against the disclosure of information

The wider public expect the Constabulary to place a great level of importance on and consider public safety and the impact any disclosure of information would have on the Constabulary's ability to detect and prevent crime and bring offenders to justice.

Disclosing the requested information would impact upon the Force's operational law enforcement effectiveness as individuals or groups seeking to offend and evade detection would have access to in-depth knowledge surrounding operational policing matters, namely law enforcement offender management strategies and practices.

Balance Test

The points above highlight the merits of disclosing and not disclosing information pertinent to this request. The Police Service is charged with enforcing the law, preventing, and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve.

Whilst there is a strong public interest in the transparency of policing, the Force will not disclose any information which may impact upon operational policing or risk placing members of the public at risk.

Disclosure of the requested information would highlight areas that could be exploited by criminal groups and individuals. Which would in turn, affect the Force's ability to detect and prevent crime. This could place members of the public at risk and hinder law enforcement efforts. It is, therefore, our belief that the balance test lies in favour of not disclosing the information.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) of the legislation.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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