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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0946

On 06/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for your force area.

1. **Anti-social behaviour incidents**

Please provide the total number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents recorded by the force in:

• 2015/16

• 2020/21

• 2023/24

• 2024/25

• 2025/26 to date (or the most recent period available)

2. **Dispersal powers**

For the same periods, please provide:

• The number of dispersal powers used under Section 35 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (or equivalent recording category used by the force).

• The number of arrests for breaches of dispersal directions, where recorded.

Other anti-social behaviour powers

For the same periods, please provide:

• The number of Community Protection Notices issued.

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.

• The number of Closure Orders obtained.

3. Current ASB picture

Please identify the three policing areas, neighbourhoods, wards or locations within your force area that recorded the highest number of anti-social behaviour incidents during 2025/26 to date (or the latest available year).

For each location, please provide:

• The location name.

• The number of ASB incidents recorded.

4. Initiatives and funding

Please provide details of any force-wide anti-social behaviour or hotspot policing initiatives currently operating, including:

• Initiative name.

• Start date.

• Brief description.

5. Has the force received Home Office funding for hotspot policing or anti-social behaviour reduction since April 2022?

If yes, please provide:

• Year of award.

• Amount awarded.

• Area(s) targeted.

If any of the requested data is held by financial year rather than calendar year, please provide it in the format most readily available.

If any part of this request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please provide the information that can be supplied within the limit and advise how the request might be refined.

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were made by several Constabulary subject matter experts (SMEs) for the information you requested. Unfortunately, to answer Q2 fully, we would need to conduct extensive manual investigation across multiple police station locations, as well as the Constabulary's various electronic drives to locate this information as it is not currently held in one place. Due to the periods you have requested, some of the information is expected to be held in paper form. Records would need to be checked manually and therefore we confidently estimate that the time needed to locate the relevant and recorded information to answer your request will exceed the 18 hours allowed 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.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. This information can be found as follows:

Q1

2016	49210 ASB incidents recorded
2021	52924 ASB incidents recorded
2024	22378 ASB incidents recorded
2025	15497 ASB incidents recorded
2026 to date	17695 ASB incidents recorded

Q2

Between	Order	Number
1 April - 30 June 2026	Criminal Behaviour Orders	1
	Community Protection Notices	Our force does not currently issue these or Community Protection Warnings. They are undertaken by our partner agencies.
	Community Protection Warnings	Not currently used

	Civil Injunctions	7
	Dispersal powers (under S34 of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014)	9
	Dispersal powers (under S35 of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014)	3
	Closure Orders	7
	Closure Notices	7
1 July - 30 September 2026	Community Protection Notices	Our force does not currently issue these or Community Protection Warnings. They are undertaken by our partner agencies.
	Community Protection Warnings	Not currently used
	Civil Injunctions	7
	Dispersal powers (under S34 of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014)	6
	Dispersal powers (under S35 of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014)	3
	Closure Orders	10
	Closure Notices	10

Q3

Cheltenham	829
Gloucester	921
Stroud	666
Tewkesbury	591
Forest	677
Cotswolds	393

Q4 Neighbourhood Problem Solving Fund; Start date: 1st April 2026; Funding provided through the OPCC to support Problem Solving activity by Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Community Safety Partnerships.

Q5 Yes, for the 24/25 & 25/26 financial years; £1,000,000 both years; Hotspots were identified across Gloucestershire using an evidence base of ASB, Serious Violence and Knife Crime. These locations were targeted with Hotspot Policing while Problem Solving activity was conducted.

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. 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.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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