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Date: 17/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 26_0989

On 15/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to your organisation's contract register, procurement strategy, and relevant points of contact.

1. Contract Register Extract
Please provide the most complete and current extract of your organisation's contract register or equivalent system, as it exists on the date this request is processed or the date of the decision to release the data.

We have already reviewed the contract register published on your organisation's website, but we do not believe this represents the complete, unedited contract dataset held by your organisation.

This request relates to existing recorded information only. I am not asking for new information to be created, nor for missing fields to be populated. In most cases, this will be a straightforward system export (e.g., from a contract management system or spreadsheet).

Where available, the register should include (but is not limited to) the following fields: Contract Title, Supplier Name, Estimated Spend (annual or total), Contract Duration and Total Term (including extensions), Contract Start and Expiry Dates, Review Date, Contract Description, Contract Owner (role or name, as held in the system), Managing Department, Award Date, Procurement Category, Framework or Tender Reference, Participating Organisations, Central Purchasing Body, and Classification Codes (e.g., CPV).

Please do not spend time amending, enriching, or redacting fields that are not readily available. I am content to receive the register in its raw exported form, exactly as held.

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.

2. Website Publication & Data Disparity
While we have reviewed the contract register currently published on your website, we require the full raw contracts register from your internal systems. If your response directs me back to the online portal, please confirm that the accessible dataset is fully up to date as of the date this request is processed or the decision to release the data is made.

3. Completeness & Redactions
Please confirm whether the register provided constitutes the full, unedited dataset. If any information, columns, or specific fields have been removed or withheld from sharing, please simply list the headings of the data columns that are missing from the provided register. If spend values are withheld, please note this request seeks indicative or total contract values only, not detailed financial breakdowns.

4. System Capabilities
If your organisation uses a specific contract management system, please confirm the name of the software or platform currently in use.

5. Format and Delivery
Please provide the contract register data electronically in Excel or CSV format. For any accompanying documents, policies, or written responses, PDF format is preferred.

Please could you provide an acknowledgement of receipt for this request.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Gloucestershire Constabulary to locate the requested information and I can confirm that the information requested is held, however, I am not required to supply it because exemptions apply.

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.

The exemption applicable to the information is **Section 21 - Information reasonably accessible by other means.** This is because the information is already freely available at:

https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/contracts

Any other contract information that is not published on the Bluelight website has been exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

• Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement

Section 31 requires Harm and Public Interest Tests, which can be found below.

Harm

The release of some contractual information specifically around contract description, supplier name and product used by Gloucestershire Constabulary, could reveal capabilities available to the force and consequently give important information to those with criminal intent. The release of this information combined with detailed information readily available on the internet, would allow criminals to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our capabilities. They would be able to use information in planning terrorist and criminal acts.

The release of this information would therefore impact on the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of terrorists and criminals and increase the fear of crime in the community Gloucestershire Constabulary seeks to serve.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure
There is a public interest in knowing how public money is being spent in ensuring value for money both at the point of purchase, and also in respect of what those resources are to be used for.

Factors favouring non-disclosure
There is a strong public interest in ensuring Gloucestershire Constabulary's effective law enforcement capability. Disclosure of supplier identities and product information together with contract descriptions would mean that individuals could research details about capabilities available to the force. This may allow terrorists and criminals the opportunity to assess strengths and any possible weaknesses of these capabilities. This would compromise law enforcement which could lead to more crime being committed and individuals being placed at risk. This information may also be used by criminals/terrorists in combination with other information they have gathered to try and disrupt law enforcement.

Balance Test

It is my view that the public safety from non-disclosure is of greater importance than the advantage of public confidence from the disclosure of this information. Gloucestershire Constabulary will not disclose information that could compromise the future law enforcement role of the force.

Having considered all the factors for and against disclosure, the reason against disclosure outweighs the reason for disclosure and so the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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