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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_1062

On 06/11/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would be grateful for the following information about registered sex offenders (persons subject to notification requirements under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003) managed by your force.

1. On 30 September 2026:

(a) the total number of registered sex offenders managed by the force;

(b) how many of them were assessed as very high, high, medium and low risk;

(c) how many were subject to reactive management (that is, with no scheduled home visits);

(d) how many were overdue a home visit under the visit frequency set for their risk level, and the longest period by which any visit was overdue;

(e) the number of full-time-equivalent police officers and police staff employed as offender managers in the unit responsible for managing registered sex offenders.

2. The figures requested at 1(a) and 1(c) as at 30 September 2023, 2024 and 2025.

3. In each calendar year from 2022 to 2026 (to the date of this request):

(a) the number of polygraph examinations carried out on registered sex offenders;

(b) the number of examinations in which the subject was recorded as deceptive or made a relevant disclosure;

(c) the number of examinations that led to an arrest, a recall to custody or an application for a Sexual Harm Prevention Order or a variation of one.

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.

If the force has never used polygraph examinations on registered sex offenders, please say so.

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

Following receipt of your request, a Constabulary subject matter expert (SME) conducted searches for the recorded and relevant data required to answer your questions. The SME retrieved over 1000 records (please see data below) and unfortunately, to answer Q1 part d, regarding the overdue home visits, the SME would be required to manually review each file to determine the information to answer your question. Our SME confidently estimates that this will take in excess of the 18 hours allowed by the FOI Act and 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.

Q1 - Due to system limitations, the information shared below is as of the search date: 18/11/2026.

a) Total of 1,101 (836 in the community)

b) Risk levels are for total number of nominals (including in custody and abroad)

- Very High – 16
- High – 225
- Medium – 516
- Low – 337
- Not assessed/Unknown – 7

c) Reactive Management – 41
d) Total of 67 overdue
e) 16 FTE Officers

Q2 - The SME confirmed that Gloucestershire Constabulary's system for recording and managing registered sex offenders cannot provide historic records and therefore the response to Q2 is no information held.

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

Post – Information Commission's Office
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Yours sincerely,

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