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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_1070

On 09/11/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information concerning notifications received by your force from the Electronic Monitoring Service (EMS) about alleged breaches of electronically monitored court bail conditions, for the period 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2026. If information for this full period is unavailable, please provide the most recent 12-month period held and specify the dates.

1. The total number of notifications received.

2. If recorded and readily retrievable, a breakdown by notification type, including:

- Entry into or presence within an exclusion zone;

- Breach of an electronically monitored curfew;

- Damage to, removal of or interference with monitoring equipment;

- Failure to charge or maintain monitoring equipment;

- Failure to attend or cooperate with equipment installation or maintenance;

- Other notification types.

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 different categories are used, please provide those categories and their corresponding figures.

3. The number of notifications for which a risk assessment was recorded as having been completed. If initial and subsequent risk assessments are distinguished, please provide separate figures where available.

4. The number of notifications associated with each of the following recorded decisions or actions:

- No further action;

- Further enquiries or investigation;

- Arrest;

- Other enforcement action;

- Decision pending or outcome not recorded.

If multiple actions can be recorded against one notification, please clarify this. If only final outcomes are recorded, please provide those figures instead.

5. The number of notifications for which a rationale or explanation for the enforcement decision was recorded.

If a rationale is not recorded in a dedicated field, please indicate whether it is recorded elsewhere in the relevant case or incident records.

Where possible, please clarify whether figures count notifications, cases or unique individuals. I am seeking aggregate, anonymised information only, not personal data.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Please provide the following information concerning your force's handling of notifications received from the Electronic Monitoring Service (EMS) about alleged breaches of electronically monitored court bail conditions, for the period 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2026. If information for this full period is unavailable, please provide the most recent 12-month period held and specify the dates.

1. The number of notifications for which your force recorded that it had informed the EMS of its enforcement decision or action taken. If the type of update is recorded, please provide a breakdown where readily retrievable.

2. Victim notification:

- The number of notifications for which the victim was recorded as having been informed that an alleged breach had been reported;

- The number for which the victim was recorded as having been informed of the police decision or action taken;

- The number for which no victim notification was recorded.

If these are not recorded as separate stages, please explain how victim notification is recorded and provide the closest available information.

3. Please confirm whether your force records when an electronically monitored court bail breach notification relates to a case involving:

- Domestic abuse;

- Stalking or harassment;

- A child or young person.

If this information is held and readily retrievable, please provide aggregate figures for the requested period. For notifications involving children or young people, please also provide the number of cases in which a safeguarding referral was recorded, where available.

4. Repeat notifications:

- The number of individuals who were the subject of more than one EMS court bail breach notification during the requested period;

- The total number of notifications associated with those individuals.

If your force cannot identify or link repeat notifications, please indicate this.

Where possible, please clarify whether figures count notifications, cases or unique individuals. I am seeking aggregate, anonymised information only, not personal data.

REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: Please provide the following information about your force's policies, procedures and systems for handling notifications from the Electronic Monitoring

Service (EMS) concerning alleged breaches of electronically monitored court bail conditions.

1. Copies of your force's current policies, standard operating procedures or guidance for officers and staff dealing with these notifications.

I am particularly interested in guidance covering:

- Receipt and recording of EMS notifications;

- Risk assessment and safeguarding;

- Enforcement decisions and recording the rationale for those decisions;

- Communication with the EMS;

- Victim notification;

- Handling repeated notifications;

- Management oversight and performance monitoring.

If any relevant policy or guidance has been introduced or substantially revised since 29 October 2026, please provide the latest version and identify when it was introduced or revised.

2. Please identify the system or systems used by your force to record and manage these notifications.

Please confirm whether they contain dedicated fields or recording mechanisms for:

- Risk assessments;

- Enforcement decisions and actions;

- Rationale for enforcement decisions;

- Updates to the EMS;

- Victim notifications;

- Safeguarding considerations;

- Repeat notifications.

3. Please provide copies of any current guidance or procedures governing supervisory oversight, management review or performance monitoring of the force's response to these notifications, where held.

I am seeking existing recorded information and documents only, not asking your force to create new information or undertake a new analysis.

REQUEST 4:

What would you like to know?: Please treat these questions as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The requested period is 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2026, unless otherwise specified above.

If information for the full period is unavailable, please provide the most recent 12-month period held and specify the dates covered.

If any information is not held, is not recorded centrally or cannot be readily retrieved, please identify the relevant elements. If any part would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please advise which information could be provided within the limit and whether the request could be refined.

I would prefer to receive the information electronically, ideally in spreadsheet format where appropriate.

Kind regards,

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

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.

Following receipt of your request, we carried out research using our recording systems which identified over 120 returns for the EMS breech. There is no central recording system containing the data which would mean that we would need to individually review linked

occurrences to retrieve the information. To process your request, it would require a manual review of all identified reports to ascertain what relevant information is held.
To conduct this manual review, it would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act

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 – 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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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