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| Your reference: | N/A |
| Our reference: | FOI_26_1079 |
| E-mail: | FOI @gloucestershire.police.uk |
| Direct dial: | 01452 754304 |
| Postal Address: | As above |
| Date: | 16/11/2026 |

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_1079**

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

Good afternoon,

I am writing to request information under FOI.

For background: The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester police told LBC News regarding the early release scheme that, "The fact of the matter is 22% of everybody that's been released [in October] are already back inside in Greater Manchester." (https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/victims-forced-relocate-fear-early-release-prisoners-5HjdmBX_2/)

Given these numbers are held by police forces, please provide the following information:

1. The total number of people who have been re-arrested by your police force after being released as part of the first two tranches of the early release scheme (700 were released on 1 October 2026 and 650 were released on 13 October 2026).

2. The total number of people who were released as part of the first two tranches within your police force area.

Best wishes,

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.

Following receipt of your request we have sourced the information to the relevant departments unfortunately after reviewing your request to determine whether this information is retrievable, we would need to reach out to other business areas as the information held by our system would only determine the arrest data within the date range. However we would need to individually identify, whether the offender would qualify for the early release scheme. To process your request, it would require a manual review of all identified arrests to ascertain what relevant information is held and what bearing any offender status had on the release scheme.
To conduct this manual review, it would take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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.

**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 Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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