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Date: 23/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 26_1123

On 20/11/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

• How many incidents have been reported to the force in the past year containing any of these terms: 'Smart glasses', Meta glasses', 'Ray-Ban Meta glasses'

• For each incident disclose, as it was recorded on the log, the summary of the incident. Please redact any names/identifiable that may prohibit disclosure

• How many Community Protection Warning applications the force has been involved in during the past 12 years in relation to wearable eye tech.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's incident recording database for incidents recorded between 20/11/2025 and 20/11/2026 which contained one of the following words in the free text reports: 'Smart glasses', Meta glasses', 'Ray-Ban Meta glasses'. I can confirm that 8 incidents were recorded in which one of the keywords you provided us with was found. I can also confirm that no information is held regarding Community Protection Warning applications the force has been involved in during the past 12 years in relation to wearable eye tech. As we retrieved a low number of incidents, the disclosure of the incident logs, even with names or personal information redacted, could identify individual incidents and/or victims. Therefore, Section 40(2) has been engaged, set out below.

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

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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.

With regard to the disclosure of the small number of incident logs (8) the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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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