



Dear Ms Krueckeberg,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2018.0238

On 5 March 2018 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. What practical procedure/s does your force have in place to ensure the review and or deletion of custody images after 6 years?
2. If there is a procedure in place, how many images have been deleted as the result of a periodic review (rather than following an individual's application for deletion)?
3. How many images on your custody image database are of unconvicted persons?
4. Since February 2017, how much has your force spent on the deletion of custody images of unconvicted people?

The Constabulary's recording systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. There is no searchable field for this information and therefore no way of determining whether any information is held by way of electronic searches. The only way of trying to retrieve any relevant information would be to manually review each individual record. This would involve the review of thousands of records and 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.

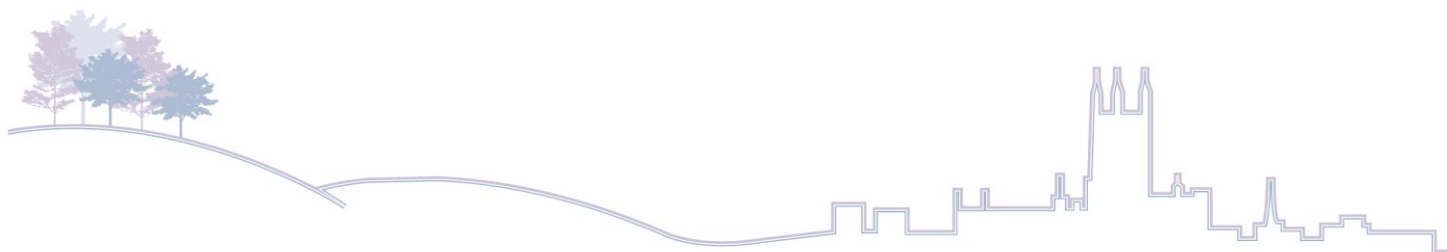
In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

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.

Under our duty to assist we have considered whether there is any way in which you can refine your request to bring it within the time constraints but we are not able to provide any suggestions.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Miss N Cramb
Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary