



Dear Ms Bartosch,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2015.853

On the 20/11/2015 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Are you allocated a specific budget for the cost of policing Goldcup week? If so, how much is the budget for 2016?
2. How much did policing the Goldcup raceweek this year cost? What was the budget for this year's Goldcup raceweek?
3. When race weeks* are on in Cheltenham, is there an increase in arrests?
4. Is there a difference in the type of crime people are arrested for compared to the rest of the year?
5. What proportion or percentage of those arrested during Goldcup week residents of Cheltenham?
6. What proportion or percentage of those arrested during the other meetings* are residents of Cheltenham?

*New Year's Day Meeting, Festival Trials (end of Jan), The April meeting, The 'Hunter Chase' (also in April), Goldcup (March), The Showcase (October), The Open (November) and The International (December)

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

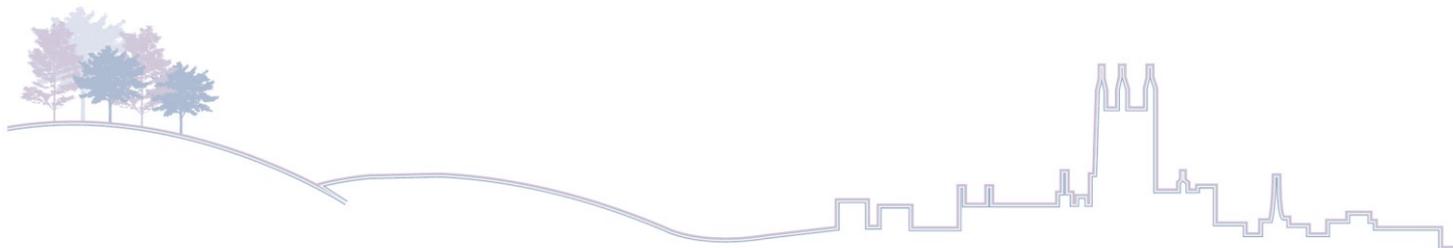
Questions 1, 3 and 4 are not valid questions under Section 8 of the FOI Act as they require a yes or no answer, which will not be recorded information.

2. I can confirm that the 2015 Gold Cup week additional costs were £330,125. This was an overspend of £2,865 against the 2015 budget. Please note that this does not include the cost of any duty time worked as this is part of normal policing duties and is not recorded separately.
5. and 6. No information held. The Constabulary holds no recorded information regarding the percentage of those arrested during Gold Cup week or during the other meetings being residents of Cheltenham.

Outside of the Act and in order to assist, I can confirm that the budgeted additional cost incurred by the Constabulary for policing Gold Cup week 2016 is £182,000.

Under Section 16, Duty to Assist, I can confirm that the following:

The Constabulary can break down the number of arrests from the Custody Recording System into Months, weeks or days. However, please note that there is no 'register' of any other events occurring in the county that may have an affect on the number of arrests. With regard to whether there is a difference in the type of crime people are arrested for during



certain times of the year, the different reason for arrest categories can be provided for you to ascertain this. If you would like such a breakdown to be able to work out whether there is an increase in arrests or difference in the reason for arrests, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk confirming exactly which time periods you would like information regarding.

Unfortunately the Constabulary are unable to provide any information for questions 5 and 6 even if you were to rephrase the question. If the Constabulary could provide the total number of arrests and those attributed to Cheltenham residents, a percentage could be calculated. However, the Custody system only records the address that an individual is arrested from; it does not record where the individual resides. Therefore it's quite feasible that an individual could be arrested from an address in Cheltenham but actually reside in another area or an individual that resides in Cheltenham could be arrested from another area. Without manually reviewing every single arrest for a given time period to see where the individual resides, it would not be possible to provide any such information. It's likely that to manually review the arrests (depending on the time period specified) would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. If you would like to request such information, please submit a new FOI request to foi@gloucestershire.police.uk confirming exactly which time periods you would like information regarding, including the year and we can confirm if it is likely to attract the Section 12 exemption.

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,

Mrs G Macpherson
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Gloucestershire Constabulary