



## Gloucestershire Constabulary

*People First Policing*

Dear Ms Scott,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2013.5090

On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Operation Shogun

- 1 What was the purpose, remit and terms of reference of the operation
- 2 What dates it ran
- 3 What results it achieved in terms of number of arrests, number charged, number of convictions and for what offences for each ( if the request goes over the limit, please drop the convictions and offences part of this question)
- 4 Who the Police officer was in charge and how many officers were on the operation
- 5 Why the operation was instigated
- 6 Where the operation was run from and what area did it cover
- 7 Why was the name chosen and whether it had always had that name or whether there were connected operations
- 8 Where this information is now kept, and in what form -physical or electronic. If electronic is it on HOLMES?
- 9 What are the indicators used by the Police as a measure of success of an Operation.
- 10 Where any childrens establishments involved? If so which?
- 11 When is any data re this Operation due for deletion?

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

In a consolidated response to your request, I would advise that there is no central record of documents filed either electronically or in paper format under the name "Operation Shogun". Information from that investigation was filed under separate and distinct criteria rather than the name of the operation. In the circumstances it would be necessary to review all of our electronic records individually to try to ascertain whether a particular record did relate to this Operation. This would take longer than the 18 hours prescribed under section 12 of 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.

Section 12(1)– Fee Regulations states:



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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. 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.

By way of assistance and outside of the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would advise you of the following:

Question 4- the Senior Investigating Officers for the Operation were DI Peter Davis and DI Neil Kelly

Question 7- Operation names are chosen randomly by the Officer in charge of an investigation. They are intended to be neutral.

Questions 8 and 11- Information is generally held in electronic and paper format in accordance with the Constabulary's Retention and Disposal Schedule and in line with the National Guidance on the Management of Police Information, see link below:

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/information/2010/201004INFMOP101.pdf>

Question 9- There is no standard generic criteria used to measure the success of an operation. This will depend upon the nature of the operation and may be considered when an investigation is reviewed or de-briefed.

Please also see the information below (page 17) and the attachment to this response:

<http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/forcepublications/Annual%20Report/item5776.pdf>

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.

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.

In response to your Freedom of Information request dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to Gloucestershire Constabulary, I would like to point out the following:

The Freedom of Information Act is a piece of legislation which quite rightly opens up public authorities to greater scrutiny and accountability.

Under the provisions of the Act an authority must process a request in writing from a named applicant under the terms and conditions of the legislation. Whilst giving maximum support to individuals genuinely seeking to exercise the right to know, the Commissioner's general approach will be sympathetic towards authorities where requests can be characterised as being part of a campaign. Therefore with regard to this request we are including a warning under Section 14(1) (Vexatious Request) of the Freedom of Information Act that any future requests may attract this exemption

Yours sincerely,

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