



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0948

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Date: 06/11/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0948

On 20/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please provide the number of reports of shoplifting submitted to Gloucestershire Constabulary for the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date).
2. Please provide the number of reports of shoplifting that were attended to by Gloucestershire Constabulary for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date).
3. Please provide the number of arrests made by Gloucestershire Constabulary in connection with shoplifting for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (to date).

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

A search has been completed on our Incident Recording System for Incidents which were recorded from 01.01.2021 to 20.10.2024 whereby the result code was Theft from shoplifting. A further filter has been applied where police have attended.

Year	Shoplifting Incidents	Shoplifting Incidents Attended
2021	2049	381
2022	2053	334
2023	3019	409
2024	2721	337

We cannot identify arrests from Incident records therefore a separate search has been completed on the Custody Recording System for arrests made where the RFA (Reason For Arrest) was Shoplifting.

Year	Number of Arrests
2021	177
2022	187
2023	198
2024	180

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
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Yours sincerely,

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