



Dear ,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0267

On 03/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. How many offences for cannabis cultivation did your force record in 2022?
2. How many offences for cannabis cultivation did your force record in 2021?

If you recorded the type of location where the offences took place (commercial premises vs individual homes), could you please also give me:

3. the number of cannabis cultivation offences on commercial premises in 2022?
4. the number of cannabis cultivation offences on commercial premises in 2021?

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.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted for crimes recorded from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022 whereby the offence was 92/21 – Production of cannabis.

This has resulted in the following numbers of crimes:

Year	No. of Crimes
2021	52
2022	25
Total	77

Unfortunately, the Crime Recording System does not have a field/tag for whether such offences occurred in residential or commercial premises.

I have manually reviewed the MOs only of the above crimes in order to try and ascertain this information and none appear to have been located at a commercial premises.

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,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary