



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0555

On 19 May 2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you provide the following information, broken down by calendar year, for 2021 and 2022:

The number of “upskirting” crimes – section 67A of the Sex Offences Act inserted by Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019 – logged by the force in each year.

- Of these, what was the gender breakdown of victims*
- How many had a type 1 outcome (“Charge / Summons”)*
- How many had a type 14 outcome (“Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action”)*
- How many had a type 15 outcome (Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action”)*
- How many had a type 16 outcome (“Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action”)*

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.

We conducted the following search in response to your request:

- filtered for substantiated crimes between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2022
- searched for the offence 88/12 – *Voyeurism additional offences (upskirting)*
- included the MO Free Text and the outcome
- included sex of the victim

The results of the data search is as follows:

Count of Det Code		Column Labels		Grand
Row Labels	2021	2022	Total	
Det Charge / Summons	1		1	
Det NFA Offender III / Senile	1		1	
Investigation Complete - No Suspect		1	1	
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	1	1	2	
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	1		1	
Undetected		1	1	
Grand Total	4	3	7	

Other than one recorded incident, all of the victims are shown as female, the remaining incident is listed as 'sex unknown'.

I have also sent you the above table as an excel spreadsheet.

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,