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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0453

On 22/0/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many offences of child physical abuse were recorded by the force in the last three years?

(Between April, 6, 2021 - April, 5, 2022/ April 6, 2022 - April 5, 2023/ April 6, 2023 = April 5, 2023)

On 25/04/2024 clarification was sought from yourself on what you would define the age range of a child to be?

You responded on 01/05/2024 with clarification and also further details you wished to add to your request.

I am defining a child as under 18.

Thank you for your response. Please allow me to amend my request to the following:

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1a) Of these, how many instances where the suspect/perpetrator was the child's parent/guardian?

Offence Category Description: Assault with injury
Assault with intent to cause serious harm
Assault Without Injury

Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault Without Injury

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 a search has been conducted of the Crime Recording System for the dates of 06/04/2021 – 05/04/2024 for the offences of

Assault with injury
Assault with intent to cause serious harm
Assault without Injury
Racially or Religiously Aggravated assault with injury
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault Without Injury

A further filter has been applied where the victim is aged between 0 – 17.

Please note the association field is not compulsory so where no data has been entered an unknown title has been provided. Please see the tables below

1.

Year	Assault with injury	Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault with injury	Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault with injury
21/22	1		
22/23	18		
23/24	14	1	1
Total	33	1	1

2.

Association	Total
Unknown	22
Mother/Father	5
Brother/Sister	4
Partner/Ex-Partner	3

Grandfather/Grandmother	1
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Please note that any further correlation of the association data table by year would likely identify individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 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.

With regard to any further information, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained with the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure. In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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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