



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0152

On 01/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- 1) Please tell me for the calendar years a) 2020, b) 2021 and c) 2022 how many times you recorded criminal damage as having occurred to an automated external defibrillator (AED)?
- 2) For the same time periods, please tell me how many thefts of AEDs were recorded.
- 3) Finally, for the 10 most recently recorded crimes uncovered by the searches in questions 1 and 2 above, please send me a verbatim copy of the investigation summary field and/or the modus operandi (MO), including the location of the recorded crime.

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 of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2022 where the offence of Criminal Damage or Theft has been recorded. A filter has been applied to identify the records where "AED" or "Defibrillator" is present within the MO text. This has returned 1 result. Please see the table below for details.

Year	Offence	MO Text
2020	Criminal damage to £5000	AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF OFFENDERS HAVE ACCESSED THE SITE VIA AN OPEN SIDE GATE. THEY HAVE THEN TORN A CCTV CAMERA FROM THE SIDE OF THE CLUB, SMASHED A SIDE GATE OFF ITS HINGES, TORN DOWN A DRAINAGE GUTTER AND LEFT EXTENSIVE LITTER INCLUDING BEER CANS AND CIGARETTE ENDS. THE INDIVIDUAL'S HAVE ALSO GONE THROUGH THE CONTENTS OF THE ON SITE AED, OPENING MULTIPLE PACKETS WITHIN HOWEVER THE AED ITSELF APPEARS UNDAMAGED. DAMAGE HAS ALSO BEEN CAUSED TO THE TV AND SATELLITE AERIALS WHICH HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY PULLED FROM THE SIDE OF THE SPORTS PAVILION.

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