



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0174

On 07/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could you provide me with the number of crimes reported that include the word "Grindr" (referring to the dating app only) AND whereby the victim of the offence is under the age of 18.

Please provide this information broken down into categories - e.g., rape, sexual activity with a minor, blackmail, etc. - and for EACH of the following years:

2019
2020
2021
2022

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.

Following receipt of your request, a search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System was carried out to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2022.

A filter was applied to the MO free text to identify records where the term "grindr" is recorded.

A further filter was applied to those records to identify where the recorded victim was aged 0-17years.

This has returned zero (0) results.

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