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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0191

On 10/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the FOI act please could I request the incident summary / current summary / modus operandi summary (or whatever your force calls the equivalent) of the 10 most recent offences of 'keeping a brothel', and the outcome of each. Please redact any identifying personal or identifying information.

By the offence of 'keeping a brothel' I mean to include any of the following offences (and any other similar ones I may have missed):

- Conspire To Manage / Assist In Management Of A Brothel
- Keep / Manage A Brothel Used For Prostitution
- Keep A Brothel
- Manage / Assist In Management Of A Heterosexual Brothel
- Permit Use Of Premises As A Brothel

You clarified that information concerning the specific offence of '24/19 Keeping a brothel used for prostitution' would be acceptable.

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 any crimes recorded with the offence of '24/19 Keeping a brothel used for prostitution' in order to locate the MOs of the most recent 10 crimes recorded.

I can confirm that the following 10 MOs have been recorded since 2016:

- SERVICED APARTMENT FOUND WITH [section 40] FEMALES BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROSTITUTION AND A MALE CONTROLLER. A MALE SEX BUYER WAS ALSO FOUND AT THE ADDRESS ALONG WITH ITEMS TO SUPPORT THE FACT THAT THE PREMISES IS BEING USED FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PURPOSE.
- PREMISES HAS BEEN LET AND USED AS A BROTHEL- SUSPECT IS OWNER OF PREMISES
- LOCATION OF OFFENCE IS A [section 40] FLAT IN A RESIDENTIAL BLOCK. BETWEEN STATED DATES AND TIMES, AN ANONYMOUS INFORMANT HAS ATTENDED THE LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF VISITING A PROSTITUTE. [section 40] INFORMANT NOTIFIES POLICE VIA EMAIL. NO FURTHER WITNESSES.
- REPORT FROM AN ANNOYMOUS MALE STATING HE HAD MET A PROSTITUTE AND LEFT BECAUSE HE THOUGHT SHE WAS 14/15 YEARS OLD. OFFICERS ATTEND THE ADDRESS GIVEN AND ARREST A MALE AND FEMALE, THE HOUSE WAS SET UP FOR PROSTITUTION AND ITEMS WERE SEIZED RELATING TO THE OFFENCE.
- SUSPECT IS THE OWNER OF A BUSINESS SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN OPERATED AS A BROTHEL.
- OFFICERS HAVE BEEN CALLED TO ATTEND A DISTURBANCE AT THE LOCATION. ON ARRIVAL, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE PREMISES IS BEING RUN AS A BROTHEL AND [section 40] SUSPECTS ARE INVOLVED IN THE KEEPING/MANAGEMENT OF IT.
- ANON MOP [member of the public] HAS REPORTED TO POLICE CONCERNS FOR FEMALE AT THE LOCATION BEING EXPLOITED AND THAT THE PROPERTY WAS BEING USED A BROTHEL OFFICERS HAVE ATTENDED THE LOCATION AND FOUND EVIDENCE THAT THE PROPERTY WAS BEING A USED AS A BROTHEL.
- ADVERTISEMENT PLACED ON [section 40] FOR A [section 40] YR FEMALE OFFERING SEXUAL SERVICES. AT THE ADDRESS PROVIDED FOR THE FEMALE WERE THE OFFENDERS, NUMEROUS SEXUAL PRODUCTS SUCH AS CONDOMS AND LUBRICATION
- MALE HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE PREMISES OF A FEMALE OFFERING SERVICES. BELIEVED THAT HE HAS ORGANISED TO MEET FOR SEXUAL SERVICES.
- THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN USING [section 40] ADDRESS AS A BROTHEL. THE SUSPECT AND [section 40] OTHER WOMEN, DETAILS UNKNOWN, ENGAGE IN SEXUAL CONTACT WITH MALES FOR PAYMENT.

These crimes resulted in the following police outcomes:

Police Outcome	No. of Crimes
Det NFA IP Declines/Unable Prosecute	1
Further Investigation Not In Public Interest	1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	1
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	1
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	5
Other Force Agency	1

To ensure that no personal information is released, the above MOs have been redacted 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 the disclosure of the redacted information, confirmation of the years the crimes were recorded or correlating which offence received which police outcome, 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.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary