



Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0223&2023.0224**

On 17/02/2023 & 18/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to know the number of sexual offences that have been reported in the month of January in the calendar year of 2023, specifically in the town of Coleford in The Forest of Dean.

I would like to know what the 'Other' category means on the Police.UK website when it categorises crime reports on its website.

I would like to know, of the 628 Violence and Sexual Offences reported in the calendar year of 2022 in the town of Coleford in The Forest of Dean. How many of these cases made it to court/into the sentencing procedure/into the judicial process?

I would like to know, of the 628 Violence and Sexual Offences reported in the calendar year of 2022 in the town of Coleford in The Forest of Dean. How many of these cases are Sexual Offences? As the category has grouped violence offences in with them - I'd also like to know why they are grouped into one category?

Clarification has been sought from you and your response received has provided further information

I am interested in the specific offences including:

- Rape of a female aged 16 and over
- Rape of a male aged 16 and over
- Rape of a female - multiple undefined offenders
- Rape of a male - multiple undefined offenders
- Sexual assault of a male aged 13 and over
- Sexual assault of a female aged 13 and over
- Causing sexual activity without consent

I would like the figures of how many of these offences were reported in the month of January in the calendar year of 2023, specifically in the town of Coleford in the Forest of Dean. If possible, I would like to know how many of these offences were reported to have taken place in Coleford town centre.

I would also like the figures of how many of the offences listed above were reported in the calendar year of 2022, specifically in the town of Coleford in the Forest of Dean and how many of these offences were reported to have taken place in Coleford town centre.

I would also like all of these figures to be broken down into Police Outcome, please.

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 on the Crime Recording System has been conducted for crimes recorded from 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022 and 01/01/2023 – 31/01/2023, for the offences which fall under the Rape and Sexual offences Home Office Codes whereby location of 'Coleford' has been added.

In a consolidated response, I can confirm the following:

| Year         | Total     |
|--------------|-----------|
| 2022         | 29        |
| 2023         | 2         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>31</b> |

| Offences                                    | Total     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rape of female 16+                          | 11        |
| Sexual assault on female 13+                | 15        |
| Sexual assault on female 13+ by penetration | 2         |
| Sexual assault on male 13+                  | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>31</b> |

| Police Outcomes                          | Total     |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Investigation Complete - No Suspect      | 3         |
| IP Does Not Support - No Suspect         | 1         |
| IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified | 8         |
| IP Supports - Suspect Identified         | 6         |
| Other Force Agency                       | 2         |
| Undetected                               | 11        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>31</b> |

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 any further information or correlation of 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.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer  
Gloucestershire Constabulary