



Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0346**

On 28/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In the 2022 calendar year how many crimes were logged by your force where Airbnb was recorded as being an element in the offence?

[Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO/Investigation Summary Field of crimes for the word/s 'airbnb', 'air bnb', 'air-bnb' and 'air bandb'.]

2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to Airbnb by its mention in the MO/Investigation Summary Field.

3. Please provide me with copies of the first 10 MOs/Investigation Summary Field that mention Airbnb.

[Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for the names, ages, geography or any other detail to be redacted to allow for the disclosure of the incident and how it relates to Airbnb.]

4. Could you please go through the same process in answering Question 1, 2 and 3 but instead of Airbnb please carry out the process in relation to the website Tik Tok?

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 on our Crime Recording System for crime recorded between 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022, whereby a free text search on the MOs for the terms airbnb 'air bnb' 'air-bnb' 'air bandb' and 'TikTok' has been conducted, the results are as follows:

1. 6

2. Breakdown of group offences where 'Airbnb', 'air bnb', 'air-bnb' and 'air bandb' are mentioned in MOs

| Breakdown of group offences | Total    |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Drug offences               | 1        |
| Public Order                | 2        |
| Sexual offences             | 1        |
| Violence against the person | 2        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>6</b> |

3. First 10 MOs

- [Section 40] A AIR BNB WHICH HE HAS PROBLEMS WITH ASB WITH. THE OFFENDER [Section40]
- THE VICTIM WAS RENTING THE HOUSE VIA AIR BNB BUT HAD TO CONTACT THE [Section40] (THE SUSPECT) [Section40]. THE SUSPECT ARRIVED AT THE PROPERTY [Section 40] BUT AN ARGUMENT ENSUED AND THE SUSPECT GRABBED THE VICTIM'S BAGS AND THREW THEM OUT OF THE HOUSE. THE SUSPECT THEN GRABBED THE VICTIM BY THE HAND AND PUSHED [Section 40] OUTSIDE.
- [Section 40] THE PROPERTY IS RENTED OUT AS AN AIR BNB AND HAS NUMEROUS DIFFERENT PEOPLE STAY AT IT. THE VICTIM HAD GONE OUT TO ASK TO KEEP NOISE DOWN AND OFFENDER WAS ABUSIVE AND MADE VERBAL THREAT [Section 40]
- [Section 40] AT THEIR AIR BNB. THEY NOTICED THAT THE NEXT DOOR MALE AND FEMALE OFFENDER WERE STOOD ON LADDERS STARING OVER THE FENCE. THE OFFENDERS SHOUTED AT THE VICTM TO TURN THE MUSIC DOWN AND REPEATEDLY STARING AT THEM. [Section 40] THIS MADE VICTIM FEEL VERY AWKWARD. THE OFFENDER THEN BECAME ABUSIVE AND SAID THEY'D CALL POLICE. [Section 40]
- [Section 40] THE SUSPECT AND THE VICTIM WERE [Section 40] IN AN AIRBNB [Section 40]
- [Section 40] WAS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF [Section 40] AND AN AIR BNB KEY. FOLLOWING ENQUIRES THE AIR BNB WAS LOCATED [Section 40]

4. 13

5. Breakdown of group of offences where Tik Tok is mentioned in MO

| Breakdown of group of offences       | Total     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Miscellaneous crimes against society | 1         |
| Violence against the person          | 12        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>13</b> |

6. First 10 MOs

- [Section 40] VICTIM WAS ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITE TIK TOK LIVE, [Section 40] WHERE VICTIM HAS HAD A DISAGREEMENT WITH THIS PERSON, [Section 40]
- THE IP HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF COMMENTING A LAUGHING EMOJI FACE ON A TIK TOK VIDEO TALKING ABOUT [section 40]
- [Section 40], THE USER OF A TIK TOK ACCOUNT [Section 40]
- OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS A GROUP OF [Section 40] HAVE BEEN BULLYING THE VICTIM AND ARE NOW THREATENNING [Section 40] ON TIK TOK. [Section 40]
- DURING THE BETWEEN TIMES, THE KNOWN SUSPECT HAS COMMENTED TWICE ON THE VICTIM'S 'TIK TOK' ACCOUNT, [Section 40]
- THE SUSPECT HAS SENT THREATENING MESSAGES ON TIK TOK LIVE [Section 40]
- THE VICTIM STATES THAT [Section 40] ON SOCIAL MEDIA - TIK TOK. [Section 40]. THE OFFENDERS ARE MAKING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE VICTIM ON SOCIAL MEDIA, [Section 40] THE OFFENDERS KEEP CREATING NEW FAKE PROFILES AND THEN 'THEY DISAPPEAR'.
- [Section 40] VICTIM ALSO BELIEVES THAT OFFENDER HAS COMMENTED ON A 'TIK TOK' POST [Section 40]
- KNOWN SUSPECT HAS POSTED A TIK TOK VIDEO AND SHARED IT. [Section 40]
- VICTIM AND [Section 40] HAVE FOUND OUT AN UNKNOWN OFFENDER HAS MADE AN ONLINE TIK TOK ACCOUNT WITH [Section 40] AS THE PROFILE PICTURE. [Section 40]

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 MOs in its entirety, 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