



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0359

On 03/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- 1) Please tell me how many of the following crimes were alleged to have occurred and recorded by your force as happening inside Nando's restaurants in the calendar years
a) 2021 and b) 2022.

To include all assault offences

5D - Assault with intent to cause serious harm
8N - Assault with injury
8P - Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury
105A - Assault without injury
105B - Racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury

Please note I am only interested in assaults which occurred inside the restaurants' premises. To clarify, an assault that was recorded as having happened 'down the road from' Nando's would not be of interest, although one that happened inside the restaurant or at least in the doorway/entrance would be.

- 2) In addition, please state the addresses of the THREE Nando's restaurants in your police force area with the most alleged/recorded assault offences between 2021 and 2022 on their premises, stating how many incidents occurred for each one.
- 3) In addition, please provide me with a verbatim copy of the "investigation summary field" and/or the modus operandi (MO) for the FIVE most recent cases recorded for each of the top three Nando's locations. I understand these will have to be redacted to remove private information.

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 of crimes recorded from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022 with any of the above offences whereby the location of the offence had the term 'Nando'.

For the above time period, the result of this search was 1 x crime under Assault with Injury.

To provide any further information relating to this 1 x crime would likely identify individuals and therefore is exempt 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 any further 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 within 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