



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0369

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

1. How many arrests have your police force made for the offences of supplying controlled drugs or possession with intent to supply controlled drugs in the last year (2022 calendar year) for young persons aged sixteen or under?
2. Please provide if possible the figures for each age group i.e. ten, eleven, twelve etc and also broken down by gender for each of the two offences, breaking the alleged offences down by Class A and Class B drugs.
3. For those children who were arrested AND were aged 13 or under please provide specific details on the charge they were arrested on and the exact type and class of drug they were alleged to have been involved with as well as their age.

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 correspondence with you to explain that we are not able to answer your request based on arrest data, searches of the Crime Recording System were carried out to determine the number of records where offences falling under the Home Office Offence Codes for Possession of Class A & Class B Drugs and for Possession with intent to supply Class A & Class B Drugs were recorded, where the outcome is Charge and where the offender is aged 0-16yrs.

This has returned 6 records.

From the results of this search, a manual review has then been conducted to identify if the offender was arrested prior to the charge.

I can confirm that 2 offenders were arrested. Please see the requested breakdowns below.

Offence	Gender	Age
Supply/offer heroin class A	Male	15
Possess cannabis w/i supply class B	Male	16

Following the above, I can confirm that there were zero (0) offenders, aged between 0-13years, arrested or charged.

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