



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0414

On 14/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing a request for information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For all crimes reported between 2019 - 2022 that include the word "Grindr" (referring to the dating app only) AND whereby the alleged victim of the offence was under the age of 18, I would like to request whether any individuals were:

- (a) charged (and if so, for what?),
- (b) sentenced (and if so, for how long?).

Please provide this information for the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

If a trial took place, I would like to request the date/time of the trial, at which court it was held (and court number).

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.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2022. A filter has been applied to the MO free text to search for all records where the term "Grindr" is present. A further filter has then been applied to identify records where the recorded age of the victim is 0-17 years.

This has returned 0 (zero) results.

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