



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0466

On 26/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could I please ask for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act?

1. How many knife crime offences have been recorded by Gloucestershire Police since 2015?

(Can you breakdown the figures for each year 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 * up to the most recent data set for 2023)

2. How many of those knife crime offences involved someone under the age of 18?

(Can you breakdown the figures for each year 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 * up to the most recent data set for 2023)

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 receipt of your request, your questions were numbered for ease of reference.

A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's crime recording system was carried out to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2015 and 31/03/2023 where the Knife Crime tag has been applied. The results have been broken down annually below.

Year	Total Records
2015	177

2016	220
2017	274
2018	312
2019	314
2020	295
2021	301
2022	309
2023	99
Total	2301

A filter was then applied to identify those records where a person aged 0-17years is present on the record. Please note that this search has not determined if the person involved is a victim or the offender.

Year	Total Records	Total Individuals (U18)
2015	36	61
2016	53	80
2017	50	82
2018	75	128
2019	68	113
2020	79	134
2021	68	115
2022	61	113
2023	24	34
Total	514	860

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