



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0498

On 03/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1) For the calendar year 2022, please tell me how many crimes and incidents of alleged blackmail you have recorded which made reference to one (or more) of the following online dating applications in the MO and/or the "investigation summary field"/free-text space:

- a) Tinder
- b) Bumble
- c) Grindr
- d) Plenty of Fish
- e) OKCupid
- f) Hinge

Please provide a breakdown by dating site.

2) For the last ten crimes and incidents, please can you provide a verbatim copy of the "investigation summary field" and/or the modus operandi (MO)? Please redact private information so the summary can be released without triggering an exemption.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

A search has been conducted on the Crime Recording System for the offence of Fraud by false representation for the date range of 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022. Whereby a free text search of the MO's for the following dating apps, Tinder, Bumble, Grindr, Plenty of Fish, OKCupid and Hinge, this search included crimes with a Cyber-crime tag this has resulted in a nil (0) result.

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