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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0511

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

Please find attached some questions to be considered under the Freedom of Information Act. The questions cover the topic of disability hate crime.

When the response is submitted, please use the attached Excel answer sheet and submit the response as an Excel file. This will greatly help with data processing. Thank you.

1. In your police force, for each of the last two financial years (2021/22 and 2022/23): how many incidents of disability hate crime have been recorded?
2. For each financial year (2021/22 and 2022/23): how many recorded incidents of disability hate crime involved acts of violence against a person?
3. For each financial year (2021/22 and 2022/23): how many incidents of disability hate crime were recorded as taking place online?
4. For each financial year (2021/22 and 2022/23): how many of the recorded incidents of disability hate crime resulted in a charge or summons?
5. For each financial year (2021/22 and 2022/23): how many incidents of disability hate crime were recorded as also linked to other protected characteristics like race, religion, gender or sexual orientation?
6. A. For each financial year (2021/22 and 2022/23): did your police force employ a trained, specialist Disability Liaison Officer (DLO)? B. In your police force, is a DLO currently in post?

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 hate crimes recorded from 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2023.

Please see the results on the attached spreadsheet.

With regard to question 6, the Constabulary does not have a specialist Disability Liaison Officer but it does have a County Hate Crime Coordinator.

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