



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0531

On 11/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could you provide me with the number of disability-related hate crimes reported between 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2019, broken down by the day they were reported.

To be clear, I would like the total number for each day separately, so a sample dataset could have every date in 2019 in the first column and the number of reports made in the second column. If you could provide this in excel, or other spreadsheet, format, that would be great.

Additionally, if possible, could you further break down these numbers into offence type (public order, violence against the person with injury, violence against the person without injury, stalking, harassment, criminal damage, arson, other etc.)? As before, I only want this to take into account disability-related hate crimes and I would also like this data at a daily level. However, if that is not possible, then I would still like the first half of the request.

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 for the number of crimes recorded as a hate crime under the disability hate strand from 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019. The results have been presented on the attached spreadsheet per day the alleged offences were reported.

Also provided is a table of the various offences recorded. Given the low numbers for each specific date, there is a high possibility that individuals could be identified if the specific offence being reported was disclosed. As such any further correlation of the offence to the specific date is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of any further correlated information, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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