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Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0592

On 02/06/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act please. If possible, receipt of you receiving this request would be appreciated:

1. The total number of recorded cruelty to children/young person offences (Home Office offence code: 11A) for the periods 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
2. The total number of victims broken down by age (by individual year of age where possible otherwise please provide it grouped into: 0-5, 6-10, 11-15 and 16-17).

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 crimes recorded from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023 whereby the offence recorded was under 11A – Cruelty to children/young person.

The total number of crimes recorded in the period was 1180.

The breakdown of victim's ages are as follows:

Age Range	No. of victims
0-5	319
6-10	379

11-15	380
16-17	59
18 and over	12
Not recorded	33
Total	1182

Please note that the above information relates to the ages as at when the crimes were recorded, hence why some ages are 18 and over.

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