



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0602

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

In respect of incidents and crimes reported to have taken place in Cheltenham, please provide the following information for the calendar periods. (as in 3 separate time periods in March for each of these years)

2019 - March 5-8, 12-15, 20-23 (all dates inclusive)
2020 - March 3-,6, 10-13,17- 20 (all dates inclusive)
2022 - March 8-11, 15-18, 22-25 (all dates inclusive)
2023 - March 7-10, 14-17, 21-24 (all dates inclusive)

Rape:

Male victims Female victims Male perpetrators Female perpetrators

Number of Reported Incidents
Number of Reported Crimes
Number charged/prosecuted/no. of trials
Number of convictions

Other Sexual Offences:

Male victims Female victims Male perpetrators Female perpetrators

Number of Reported Incidents
Number of Reported Crimes
Number charged/prosecuted/no. of trials
Number convictions

Please provide the information disaggregated by sex as shown above. If you do not record the sex of victims and/or perpetrators please disaggregate by gender, gender identity or similar.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary may hold some relevant information.

Unfortunately, is not possible to electronically retrieve the data requested from the Incident Recording System. The system is largely a free text entry system and does not record information in as much detail as the Crime Recording System and therefore its reporting

function is limited. As such, a manual review of all incidents would be recorded to determine if relevant information is held. This would involve the review of hundreds, if not thousands of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17(5) 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.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1)– Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

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

Information provided outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. I trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

The information provided below has been extracted from the Crime Recording System. A search has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded during the dates requested, where the offence falls under the Home Office Offence category of Sexual Offences, including Rape. The results have then been filtered to extract the gender of the victim and the offender, and the outcome of "Charge". Please note that where there is a victim and an offender recorded on one crime record, this will cause variations in the data provided. Please also note that due to the relatively low numbers of records identified the results have only been broken down by year, not the specific date ranges requested.

Please see the tables below for the breakdowns.

CRIMES RECORDED		
Year	Rape	Other Sexual Offences
2019	5	12
2020	7	7

2022	5	14
2023	3	19
TOTAL CRIMES	20	52

CRIME OUTCOME		
Year	Rape	Other Sexual Offences
2019	0	4
2020	1	3
2022	0	1
2023	0	0
TOTAL CHARGED	1	8

PERSONS RECORDED													
Year	Rape						Other Sexual Offences						
	Victim			Offender			Victim			Offender			No Victim/ Offender recorded
	F	M	U	F	M	U	F	M	U	F	M	U	
													0
2019	5	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	4	0	0
2020	7	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	3	0	1
2022	5	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	1	0	1
2023	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	4	1	0	0	0	7
TOTAL PERSONS	19	1	0	0	1	0	37	5	1	0	8	0	9

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

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