



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0632

On 14/06/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am asking all police forces in the West the following questions:

1. How many alleged rapes involving victims who identify as Trans were reported from the start of April 2022 to the end of March 2023?
2. How many of these led to convictions?
3. As a comparison, how many alleged rapes involving victims who identify as Trans were reported from the start of April 2021 to the end of March 2022, and how many from the start of April 2020 to the end of March 2021?
4. How many of these alleged rapes in 2021/22 led to convictions, and how many in 2020/21?

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.

A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify all Rape offences recorded between 01/04/2020 and 31/03/2023. A filter has then been applied to identify those records where the hate tag of Gender Identity (Trans) has been applied.

Over the course of the 3 financial years, I can confirm that 1 record has been retrieved that is relevant to your request.

Due to the low number of records identified, no further breakdown or information will be provided.

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 regards to the disclosure of the year of the offence and the outcome, 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