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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0695**

On 05/07/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been dealt with by means of 'Outcome 21' (per the Home Office counting rules) for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:
  - a. 2019
  - b. 2020
  - c. 2021
2. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been dealt with by means of community resolution for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:
  - a. 2019
  - b. 2020
  - c. 2021
3. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been deal with by means of a simple or conditional caution for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:
  - a. 2019
  - b. 2020
  - c. 2021
4. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been charged with any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:
  - a. 2019

- b. 2020
- c. 2021.

For clarity, references above to 'consensual child sexting' refer to any offence under s.1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 or s.160 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 committed (or alleged against) a child where the subject of the indecent image made, distributed or possessed consents to the offence and is also a child. At the material times, such offences were 'counted' under Home Office Counting Rules as offences 86/02 and 86/10.

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 crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2021 whereby the offence was under Home Office offences codes of 86/02 or 86/10 and the offender was aged under 18.

The number of each of the requested police outcomes are as follows:

| Police Outcome                 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | Total |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Outcome 21                     | 1    | 0    | 2    | 3     |
| Community Resolution           | 4    | 1    | 2    | 7     |
| Caution or Conditional Caution | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     |
| Charge/summons                 | 6    | 1    | 7    | 14    |

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.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary