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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0710

On 11/07/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am researching sexual offenses against (or by) individuals who are inpatients in psychiatric and other inpatient mental health units and settings. I would like to request the following datasets held by your constabulary:

1: The number of reports of sexual assault and or rapes reported to Gloucestershire Police between 1 January 2021 to 31 January 2023, at the detailed psychiatric units where the victim has been an inpatient or member of staff at the time of the offence. If possible please specify if the victim was a patient or staff. Names and addresses are listed below:

1. Wotton Lawn (Hospital), Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AW
Abbey Ward
Dean Ward
Greyfriars Psychiatric Care Unit
Kingsholm Ward
Priory Ward
Montpellier Low Secure Unit
The Maxwell Suite

2. Cygney Aldewrs Clinic, 155 Podsmead Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL1 5UA
(NC Note – this is a Typo by the applicant, the correct name is Cygnet Alders Clinic)

3. Charlton Lane Hospital, Charlton Ln, Cheltenham GL53 9DZ
Chestnut Ward
Mulberry Ward
Willow Ward

4. Honeybourne, Swindon Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 9EZ
5. Laurel House, 143 Hewlett Rd, Cheltenham, GL52 6TS (NC Note – open source research shows this as a B&B, not a psychiatric unit)
6. The Priory - Newcombe Lodge, The Ridgeway, Stroud, GL6 8AZ
7. The Priory - Althea Park House, Priory Althea Park House, 51 Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AJ
8. The Priory - The Anchor, Priory Althea Park House, 51 Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AJ

2: The recorded crime outcomes of each of the reports detailed in question one.

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.

On receipt of your request, searches of the Crime Recording System were carried out for offences recorded at the locations listed above. Please note that the postal address you provided for location 1 – Wotton Lawn – is not the address of the physical location of the hospital. We have therefore conducted searches using the physical location address of Wotton Lawn Hospital, Horton Road, Gloucester GL1 3WL. Please also note that the location field is a free text field, so there may be variances in the format of the address (i.e. the ward name recorded before the hospital name, and vice-versa)

A search of the Crime Recording System was carried out for all offences falling under the Home Office Offence Group of Sexual Offences between 01/01/2021 and 31/01/2023, and where the location of the offence is one of those listed above.

This has returned a total of 28 records. Filters have then been applied to identify the type of offence, whether the victim was a patient or a member of staff at the facility, and the recorded outcome. Please see the tables below for the breakdown.

Please note that as you have requested the data for only 1 month of 2023, any results for the search of this date have been consolidated with the results for the calendar year of 2022. This is to ensure that any individual cannot be identified from the information provided. Please also note that uncorrelated tables have been provided for this same reason.

Offence	Year		Total
	2021	2022/23	
Rape of female 16+	2	6	8
Rape of male 16+	3	1	4
Sexual assault on female 13+	3	8	11
Sexual assault on male 13+	2	3	5
Total	10	18	28

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Recorded Location	Year		Total
	2021	2022/23	
CYGNET ALDERS CLINIC PODSMEAD COURT 155 PODSMEAD ROAD GLOUCESTER GL1 5UA	1	2	3
GREYFRIARS WARD WOTTON LAWN HOSPITAL HORTON ROAD GLOUCESTER GL1 3YL	0	1	1
KINGSHOLM WARD WOTTON LAWN HOSPITAL HORTON ROAD GLOUCESTER GL1 3WL	1	1	2
MONTPELLIER UNIT WOTTON LAWN HOSPITAL HORTON ROAD GLOUCESTER GL1 3WL	1	1	2
SEVERN NHS TRUST WOTTON LAWN HORTON ROAD GLOUCESTER	0	1	1
WOTTON LAWN HOSPITAL GREYFRIARS WARD HORTON ROAD GLOUCESTER GL1 3PX	0	1	1

WOTTON LAWN HOSPITAL HORTON ROAD GLOUCESTER	0	2	2
WOTTON LAWN HOSPITAL HORTON ROAD GLOUCESTER GL1 3WL	7	9	16
Total	10	18	28

A manual review of the records has been conducted to identify those where the victim is either a patient or a member of staff.

Please be aware that the status of the offender has not been determined for the purposes of this response, and therefore no conclusion can be made that where a victim is a patient, the offender is a member of staff, nor that where the victim is a member of staff, that the offender is a patient, only that the offence took place at a hospital where the victim was either a patient or a member of staff.

Victim Type	Year		Total
	2021	2022/23	
Patient	8	14	22
Staff	2	4	6
Total	10	18	28

The recorded outcome has been broken down below.

Outcome	Year		Total
	2021	2022/23	
Det NFA Offender Ill / Senile	1	0	1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	3	7	10
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	3	10	13
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	3	1	4
Total	10	18	28

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

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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