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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0719

On 12/07/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of recorded crimes mentioning under HO codes 088/05, 008/02, and 005/10 which include the words spike/d, lace/d in the MO with a combination of any of the following words; vape/s, e-cigarette/s, e-cig/s, elf bar/s, lost mary/s, crystal pro legend/s, inhale, breathe, from the following years; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (up to and including most recent date available).
2. The full MO notes of recorded crimes of vape/e-cigarette spiking or case notes, for the cases that are in 2023, with personal identifying information redacted. Please could you also provide the case outcomes.
3. The number of recorded crimes under HO codes 088/05, 008/02, and 005/10 which include the words spike/d, lace/d in the MO from the following years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (up to and including most recent date available).

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 has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2018 – 30/06/2023 whereby the offence was under HO codes 088/05, 008/02, or 005/10.

1. A further search has been conducted of the MOs of the resultant crimes for the terms spike, spiked, lace or laced with a combination of any of the terms vape/s, e-cigarette/s, e-cig/s, elf bar/s, lost mary/s, crystal pro legend/s, inhale and breathe. The result was 1 crime in 2021.
2. No Information held.
3. Of those crimes retrieved from the original search, the following number had the term spike, spiked, lace or laced present in the MO:

Year	No. of Crimes
2018	10
2019	7
2020	7
2021	76
2022	85
2023	38
Total	223

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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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