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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0778

On 03/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

How many missing persons incidents were recorded by the force between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, broken down by the 19 official Census 2021 ethnic group classifications for the persons reported as missing?

Please provide the data on missing persons incidents for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 and for 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 using the older ethnicity classifications that forces previously used to report to the National Crime Agency UK Missing Persons Unit.

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 the system used for the recording of missing persons to extract the data requested.

Please note that the Census Ethnicity category of Roma is not a recording category of the missing persons recording system, therefore this cannot be included in the below results.

Please also note that the below is a count of reports made, not the number of individuals recorded, and as such one person may be counted below multiple times.

Ethnicity	Report Totals 21/22	Report Totals 22/23
Indian	7	0
Pakistani	1	2
Bangladeshi	0	2
Chinese	0	2
Any other Asian background	17	14
Caribbean	6	1
African	12	5
Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background	3	3
White and Black Caribbean	6	3
White and Black African	2	2
White and Asian	11	9
Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background	3	14
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	942	895
Irish	10	4
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0
Any other White background	21	39
Arab	0	1
Any other ethnic group	3	5

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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