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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0783

On 04/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to make the following request for information. For each of the past three years (1st August 2020 - 31st July 2021, 1st August 2021 - 31st July 2022 and 1st August 2022 - 31st July 2023):

1. How many reports did your force receive of vehicles being vandalised?
2. Which postal code areas had the most number of reports (please provide the top 5 if possible, including the number of reports you received for each postal code.).

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 01/08/2020 to 31/07/2023 whereby the offence recorded was one of the following:

- *Criminal damage to a vehicle endangering life*
- *Other criminal damage to a vehicle*
- *Other criminal damage to a vehicle £500 - £5000*

The results are as follows:

Year periods	No. of crimes
Aug20-Jul21	1596
Aug21-Jul22	1632
Aug22-Jul23	1374
Total	4602

It's only possible to report on crimes recorded down to Community level within the Crime Recording System. The highest number of relevant crimes were recorded in the following 5 communities in each year period:

August 2020 – July 2021

Community	No. of Crimes
Barton and Tredworth	90
St Marks	80
Quedgeley	68
Cinderford	64
Tewkesbury	63

August 2021 – July 2022

Community	No. of Crimes
Barton and Tredworth	92
Stroud Urban	85
Gloucester City Centre	76
St Marks	67
Quedgeley	62

August 2022 – July 2023

Community	No. of Crimes
Stroud Urban	67
St Marks	65
Gloucester City Centre	58

Barton and Tredworth	56
Cinderford	56

Please note that there were 399 crimes that were not allocated to a specific community.

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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