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Dear

### **Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0788**

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

- Please release details of all reported incidences of children and teenagers being blackmailed in relation to naked photos they've either sent to the subsequent blackmailer or the latter has obtained via some other means.

Please break the figures down by number of incidences per month between June 2020 and June 2023.

Clarification was received on 08/08/2023

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I would like to amend the age group to 0-17 years.

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 of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for the offence of Blackmail for the dates of 01/06/2020 – 30/06/2023, whereby the victim ages are between 0-17 years. This has been broken down by month, the results are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2020</b>	
Aug	3
Oct	3
Nov	1
Dec	2
<b>2021</b>	
Jan	3
Feb	2
Mar	8
Apr	1
May	1
Jun	2
Jul	3
Sep	6
Oct	3
Nov	1
Dec	4
<b>2022</b>	
Jan	10
Feb	3
Mar	5
Apr	9
May	6
Jun	6
Jul	8
Aug	8

Sep	6
Oct	5
Nov	13
Dec	6
<b>2023</b>	
Jan	16
Feb	17
Mar	7
Apr	5
May	9
Jun	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>

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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Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary