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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0817

On 14/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to submit a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I kindly request data related to reported assaults on both staff and customers that occurred at McDonald's restaurants within the jurisdiction of your force during the period of April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

Specifically, I am seeking information on incidents involving physical assaults, verbal threats, or any other form of violence that occurred at McDonald's restaurants. The requested information should include, but is not limited to, the following details for each reported incident:

1. Date of incident.
2. Location (address) of the McDonald's restaurant where the incident occurred.
3. Nature of the incident (e.g., physical assault, verbal threat, etc.).
4. Description of the incident, including any injuries sustained.
5. Any actions taken by law enforcement or McDonald's staff in response to the incident.

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 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023 whereby the offence was under the Home Office Category of Violence Against the Person and the location of the offence mentions the term 'McDonald'.

The results are as follows:

Address	No. of Crimes
Westgate Street, Gloucester	9
Hight Street, Cheltenham	23
Bristol Road, Gloucester	7
Cricklade Road, Cirencester	5
Kingsditch Retail Park, Cheltenham	4
Merrywalks, Stroud	8
St Oswalds Retail Park, Gloucester	3
Total	59

Offence	No. of Crimes
Assault occasioning ABH	14
Breach restraining order	1
Common assault&battery	37
Cruelty to/neglect of children	1
Harassment no violence	3
Malicious communications	1
RORA common assault/beating	1
Threats to kill	1
Total	59

Please see the attached document, which details the redacted MOs of the crimes recorded.

Police Outcomes	No. of Crimes
Det NFA Community Resolution	1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	12
IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	11
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	24
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	4
Restorative Disposal Level 1	4
Undetected	3
Total	59

With regard to the redacted information in the attached document, any further information or any further correlation of the information, Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act is engaged as the data could identify individuals.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of any further information, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained with the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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