



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.0826

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Date: 13/09/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0826

On 15/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing a request for information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For all crimes reported between 2019 - 2022 that include the word "Tinder" (referring to the dating app only) AND whereby the alleged victim of the offence was under the age of 18, I would like to request whether any individuals were:

(a) charged (and if so, for what?)

Please provide this information for the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Following receipt of your request, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2022, whereby a free text search has then been conducted for "Tinder" which has included the age of victims under 18 have been included in this search and the recorded police outcomes.

A. there is 1 charge where the victim is under 18.

Given the very low number of charges any further details are exempt under Section 40.

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 details of offences, 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 within 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.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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