



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.0854

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0854

On 24/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide details of how many a) arrests and b) charges have been made under each of the following legislation: i) s58 OAPA (1861), ii) s59 OAPA (1861) and iii) s1 Infant Preservation Act (1929) from January 1st 2012 to present. Please break these figures down year on year and by sex of the alleged perpetrator.

[...]

Please also include redacted copies of any relevant police reports related to each arrest and/or charge (in particular any noting details of whether the offence was committed via legally or illegally obtained abortion pills, physical assault, or other means), and if possible please also include any other illegal abortion arrests/charges made under other pieces of legislation.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific legislations, instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for the offences you have stated above.

The Crime Recording system, however, does record the legislation under which an offence falls, so is searchable for substantiated crimes related to your request. Once the crimes are identified, the record can be reviewed to identify if an associated arrest was made and/or charge.

Of the Crime records identified as relevant to your request, I can confirm that no arrests were made for offences falling under the legislations listed in your request, and no charges.

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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