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Our reference: FOI_2023.0872

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0872

On 30/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I'm making a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I would like to know how many unsolved rape cases you have recorded in each of the following calendar year:

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023 – as far as possible to go.

If you can't break these down by year can you please tell me how many unsolved rape cases there are in total that you have recorded?

I'm interested in the cases that remain unsolved and open – ie. The victim is still hoping to get justice but no one has been charged.

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.

Following receipt of your request, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2013 – 31/08/2023 where the offence is recorded as Rape. This search has included the recorded police outcomes. Gloucestershire Constabulary does not have an unsolved category, this result has included all undetected, investigation completed and IP does not support where it has been identified that there is no suspect or the investigation is still ongoing. The results have been broken down by year.

Years and Police Outcomes	Investigation Complete - No Suspect	IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	Undet Rape Case Closed Unsolved	Undet Rape Ongoing Investigation	Undetected	Total
2003		1	4		11	16
2004			5		2	7
2005			4	1	10	15
2006		1	9		12	22
2007					21	21
2008	1		2		47	50
2009			1		23	24
2010			1		24	25
2011		1	10	1	20	32
2012		2	3		6	11
2013	7	9		1	3	20
2014	12	19				31

2015	12	30			1	43
2016	15	26			1	42
2017	10	49			2	61
2018	27	58			2	87
2019	24	60			8	92
2020	35	59			36	130
2021	41	78			68	187
2022	97	83			86	266
2023	63	50			154	267
Total	344	526	39	3	537	1449

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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