



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_23_0888

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0888

On 06/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. I would like to know – in the following years – how many “Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion” crimes have been reported:

2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023

2. I would also like to know what the outcome was for each instance.
3. I would also like to know the age of the victim at the time of the alleged crime.

You clarified that you were interested in the offence of ‘Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress’.

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 01/01/2018 to 31/08/2023 whereby the offence recorded was 08/71 - Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress.

The results are as follows:

Year	No. of Crimes
2018	34
2019	32
2020	41
2021	73
2022	73
2023	1
Total	254

Police Outcomes	No. of Crimes
Adult Caution	3
Det Charge / Summons	20
Det NFA IP Declines/Unable Prosecute	1
Further Investigation Not In Public Interest	8
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	35
IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	21
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	120
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	41
Other Force Agency	2
Restorative Disposal Level 1	2
Undetected	1
Grand Total	254

Age	No. of Crimes
13	4
14	8
15	5
16	13
17	11

N/K	213
Total	254

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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Yours sincerely,

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