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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0928

On 20/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following, under the Freedom of Information Act, for the past 5 calendar years, from 2018 to the present and where the location is a school:

- 1) The number of knife crime offences split by:
 - a) offence type
 - b) knife type
 - c) what the knife was used for (ie stabbing, threatening)
 - d) Victim and suspect demographics, including but not limited to age, gender, ethnicity and relationship between victim and suspect

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.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify all offences where the Knife Crime tag has been applied to the record. A filter has also been applied to identify records where the MO location code of "School" has been added.

The data has been broken down by the information requested.

Q1.a	Year						Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Assault occasioning ABH	3	1	2	6	2	2	16
Robbery			2				2
Threats to kill		1		1			2
Wound w/intent GBH		1			1	1	3
Total	3	3	4	7	3	3	23

Q1.b	Year						Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Barber Scissors	1						1
Compass					2		2
Craft Knife						1	1
Glass Shard					1		1
Kitchen Knife	1						1
Knife		1	1				2
Pen			1	4		1	6
Pen			1				1
Pencil	1						1
Scalpel				1			1
Scissors				2			2
Surgical Scissors		1					1
U/K		1	2			1	4
Total	3	3	5	7	3	3	23

Q1.c	Year						Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Jabbed			1				1
Scratched	2						2

Stabbed	1	2	1	4	3	3	14
Threat		1	2	3			6
Total	3	3	4	7	3	3	23

Q1.d The tables below contain the victim and suspect demographic breakdowns requested.

Please note that data for this question is based on a count of the number of individuals recorded, not the number of records and as such, there may be multiple individuals recorded, hence a variation in total numbers.

Please also note that where there are low numbers of records, the data has been collated to avoid identification of an individual.

Victim Data:

Gender	Total
Female	5
Male	17
Not recorded	1
Total	23

Age	Total
11	4
12	3
13	2
14	3
15	2
16-18	2
19-29	2
30-39	1
40-49	2
Not recorded	2
Total	23

Ethnicity	Total
White	15
Not recorded	8
Total	23

Suspect Data:

Gender	Total
Female	4
Male	20
Not recorded	3
Total	27

Age	Total
0-10	1
12	4
13	2
15	3
16	3
17	6
18-20	3
Not recorded	5
Total	27

Ethnicity	Total
Black	1
White	13
Not recorded	13
Total	27

Relationship of victim to suspect:

Relationship	Total
Acquaintances	8
Carer	1
Not recorded	10
Stranger	8
Total	27

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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