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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0933

On 21/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following information in relation to:

- a. All female victims of domestic abuse
- b. All female victims of sexual offences

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims please provide the data for:

- a. All victims of domestic abuse
- b. All victims of sexual offences

The information sought is:

1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system?
2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded?
3. What is the ethnic breakdown of the population in your force area?
4. Please provide a copy of the last publication of information by your force to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty under the force's specific duties under Regulation 4, Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.

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 of crimes recorded from 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023 whereby the victim was recorded as female and the offence was either a sexual offence or the crime record was tagged as domestic violence.

In a consolidated table for questions 1-2, the results are as follows:

Ethnicity	DA Crimes	Sexual Offences
Any Other Asian Background	51	8
Any Other Black Background	45	5
Any Other Ethnic Group	24	4
Any Other Mixed Background	32	5
Any Other White Background	309	43
Bangladeshi	7	1
Black African	29	9
Black Caribbean	59	6
British	5414	1003
Chinese	5	1
Indian	42	2
Irish	49	20
Mixed White / Asian	6	0
Mixed White / Black African	22	6
Mixed White / Black Caribbean	59	6
Not Stated - Called Away	408	193
Pakistani	10	1
Unknown	758	368
Not recorded	13	1
Total	7342	1682

3. No information held. You may find relevant information on the [Gloucestershire County Council](#) website.

4. 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.

The following exemptions apply:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible by other means

The above exemption is absolute and class-based and therefore no Public Interest Test or Harm Test is required.

The information that you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt by virtue of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Relevant information can be found via the following links:

[Better Together - Our approach to Diversity, Equality and Inclusion | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)
[Gender Pay Gap Report 2021 \(gloucestershire.police.uk\)](#)

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
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Yours sincerely,

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