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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0991**

On 09/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Gloucestershire Constabulary. I am a PhD researcher from the University of Essex undertaking a national study of how Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs) are implemented across the criminal justice system.

Please may you provide me with:

1) How many application packs for Stalking Protection Orders were completed by police officers/staff in Gloucestershire Constabulary during the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022? (If possible, please indicate the month of application. If this is too onerous, a total is sufficient).

a. Of these application packs, how many were authorised by superintendents (or equivalent) and put before the court?

2) Of the Stalking Protection Orders put before the court by Gloucestershire Constabulary in the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022, how many were granted by the court?

3) How many application packs for Interim Stalking Protection Orders were completed by police officers/staff in Gloucestershire Constabulary during the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022? (If possible, please indicate the month of application. If this is too onerous, a total is sufficient).

a. Of these application packs, how many were authorised by superintendents (or equivalent) and put before the court?

4) Of the Interim Stalking Protection Orders put before the court by Gloucestershire Constabulary in the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022, how many were granted by the court?

5) How many stalking incidents were recorded by Gloucestershire Constabulary in the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022? (If possible, please indicate the month of application. If this is too onerous, a total is sufficient).

a. If this data is available, please indicate how many of these incidents were flagged as cyber-dependant and/or cyber-enabled.

Please provide the information in whatever form is easiest for you to provide.

Please answer as many of the questions as you can, even if you cannot answer all of them. If there is a question you cannot answer, please explain why not, so I can include this in my study.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted with the relevant areas of the business.

1. 2
  - a. Both were authorised by a Superintendent.
2. Both applications resulted in a SPO, however these were not granted until 2023 (outside of the timeframe of the request)
3. 2
  - a. Both were authorised by a Superintendent.
4. 1
5. The information for this question has been retrieved following a search of the Incident Recording System for all incidents recorded between 01/05/2022 and 31/12/2022 where the Stalking/Harassment Tag has been applied. This has resulted in 6,377 records being identified. The total has been broken down by month below:

| Month/Year | Total |
|------------|-------|
| May-22     | 581   |
| Jun-22     | 884   |
| Jul-22     | 990   |
| Aug-22     | 966   |
| Sep-22     | 838   |
| Oct-22     | 797   |
| Nov-22     | 674   |

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|--------------|--------------|
| Dec-22       | 647          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>6,377</b> |

A filter has then been applied to these results to identify records where the Cyber Tag has also been applied. This has resulted in 34 records being identified. The total has been broken down by month below:

| Month/Year   | Total     |
|--------------|-----------|
| May-22       | 6         |
| Jun-22       | 2         |
| Jul-22       | 4         |
| Aug-22       | 6         |
| Sep-22       | 4         |
| Oct-22       | 8         |
| Nov-22       | 2         |
| Dec-22       | 2         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>34</b> |

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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