



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_23_1041

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1041

On 24/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would be grateful if you would deal with the follow request under Freedom of Information rules.

I am interested in data which I understand you hold on metal thefts in relation to solar panel farms and wind turbines. Specifically, I would be grateful if you would provide the following:

- 1) Number of thefts (I believe these are principally metal thefts involving cables) related to commercial solar farms/installations in the UK between Jan 2020 and Sept 2023. Please provide the data broken down by each year. If possible, please also state cause of loss against each crime e.g. cable theft. If you can't differentiate between commercial and household solar panels, please include both.
- 2) Number of thefts related to wind turbines (as above, i believe these are metal thefts) in the UK between Jan 2020 and Sept 2023. Please provide the data broken down by each year. If possible, please also state cause of loss against each crime e.g. cable theft

You clarified that a search of the following offences and property item would be acceptable:

30/2 - 30C Burglary business and community Burglary
30/2 - 30D Attempted Burglary - Business and Community Burglary
31 - 31A aggravated burglary business and community Aggravated Burglary

Property item - building fitting fixture|electric|cable / wiring

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no 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 01/01/2000 to 30/09/2023 whereby any of the above offences were recorded, along with the property item above.

The results were then manually reviewed to ascertain if any crimes related to solar farms or wind turbines and the result was zero.

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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