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Our reference: FOI\_2023.1042

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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1042**

On 23/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am applying for a freedom of information request regarding Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs). I would like to know:

1. How many DVPNs were issued within the following date ranges?
  2. How many DVPOs were issued within the following date ranges?
  3. How many domestic homicides occurred within the following date ranges?
  4. How many domestic violence reports occurred within the following date ranges?
- April 2018- March 2019
  - April 2019- March 2020
  - April 2020- March 2021
  - April 2021- March 2022
  - April 2022- March 2023

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.

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1 & 2. Following receipt of your request, a search has been conducted with the relevant departments for DVPNs & DVPOs issued within the following dates 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2023. The results have been broken down by financial year:

| Year                    | DVPO | DVPN |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| April 2018 – March 2019 | 39   | 40   |
| April 2019 – March 2020 | 47   | 56   |
| April 2020 – March 2021 | 50   | 54   |
| April 2021 – March 2022 | 16   | 20   |
| April 2022 – March 2023 | 15   | 15   |

3. A search has been conducted of the crime recording system for crimes recorded at Murder of person aged 1 yr or over and where a Domestic Abuse tag which has been recorded by 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2023. The results are as follows:

This has returned a total of 6. Due to the low number of records, any further information is exempt by virtue of Section 40.

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.

With regard to the disclosure of any further breakdowns, the following exemption applies:

#### Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained with the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

4. I can confirm that a search of the incident recording system has been conducted for all incidents where a Domestic Abuse Tag has been applied for the dates of 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2023. The results have been broken down by financial year:

| FinancialYear | Total |
|---------------|-------|
| 2018/2019     | 9327  |
| 2019/2020     | 9574  |
| 2020/2021     | 10085 |
| 2021/2022     | 10628 |
| 2022/2023     | 10032 |

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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Gloucestershire Constabulary