



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0180

On 08/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide a list of cases and/or alleged offences involving the use of OnlyFans, the content subscription service, reported from 1 Jan. 2020 up until the date this response is answered.

Please provide a breakdown of cases and/or alleged offences by: date of offence; type of offence (e.g. child sexual exploitation, sexual assault etc.); and age of alleged victim.

Please also provide a brief description of what occurred, making clear the age of the victims in each particular case, and state if there has been a charge.

If you are conducting a keyword search of your records, please look for the search term "Only Fans" (two words) as well as "OnlyFans" (one word).

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 has been conducted of the Crime Recording system to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2020 and 07/02/2023 where the terms "only fans" or "onlyfans" is present within the MO free text.

This has returned 2 crimes:

Year	Offence	Victim Age Bracket
2021	Malicious communications	31-40
2021	Harassment no violence	31-40

Due to the low number of crimes, any further breakdown is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

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 regards to the disclosure of further details of the crimes and the ages of the victims, 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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary