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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1087

On 07/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

As a freedom of information request, please provide:

- The number of religious hate crimes recorded in October 2023, October 2022, October 2021, October 2020, October 2019 and October 2018.
- The number of religious hate crimes by in each October listed above, split by perceived religion of the victim (such as Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, other, no religion, unknown)
- The total number of religious hate crimes recorded in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and between Jan-Oct 2023, as well as those totals split by the perceived religion of the victim (such as Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, other, no religion, unknown).

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 of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 and 31/10/2023 where the Hate Crime tag has been applied to the record. A filter has then been applied to identify those records where the hate strand has been identified as one of the following:

- Religion - Buddhist
- Religion - Christian
- Religion - Hindu
- Religion - Jewish
- Religion - Muslim
- Religion - No Religion
- Religion - Other
- Religion - Sikh
- Religion - Unknown
- Religious

Please note that the strand for "Religious" was in used in 2018, before the more comprehensive strands came into use.

Please see the attached document which contains a table of the search results, broken down by month/year and hate strand.

Attached document:

- Response 2023_1087 Data Table.pdf

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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Yours sincerely,

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