



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1095

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1095

On 09/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, could I ask the following, please:

- Since 01.01.23, how many children between the age of 10-16 have been arrested for possession of a knife or other sharp implement? Please include a breakdown of the number of arrests by age.

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 Gloucestershire Constabulary's Arrest Recording System has been carried out to identify all detentions authorised between 01/01/2023 and 31/10/2023 where the reason for arrest is recorded as Possess Pointed Article or Blade.

A further filter has been applied to identify those records where the detained person is aged 10 – 16 years at the time the detention was authorised.

Please see the results below:

Age	Total
14	1
15	5
16	4
Total	10

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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