



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1119

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1119

On 16/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. For the calendar year 2023 (to date)
 - a. With a monthly breakdown; how many reports have you received of UMEs (Unlicensed Music Event)
2. For the calendar year 2022
 - a. With a monthly breakdown; how many reports have you received of UMEs (Unlicensed Music Event)
3. For the calendar year 2021
 - a. With a monthly breakdown; how many reports have you received of UMEs (Unlicensed Music Event)

Following a request for clarification of your enquiry, you provided relevant search term on 07/12/2023.

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.

When an Individual contacts the police and it is deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. Please note that the Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and does not record information in as much detail as the Crime Recording System and therefore its reporting function is limited.

A search of the Incident Recording system has been carried out for all records created between 01/01/2021 and 31/10/2023 where the following terms are contained within the freetext comments:

- UME
- Unlicensed Music Event
- Rave
- Illegal Rave

This has returned 10 records. These records have then been manually reviewed for relevance to your request (i.e. removing those records where UME is contained within a vehicle registration number.)

This has resulted in identifying 8 relevant records. Please see the table below for the month/year breakdown.

Month	Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Jan			
Feb			
Mar			
Apr	1		1
May			
Jun			
Jul		1	1
Aug		1	
Sep			
Oct			3
Nov			
Dec			

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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