



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1128

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Date: 12/12/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1128

On 20/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could you share the number of shoplifting or incidents of theft from a commercial or retail premises that you have been reported to you. We would like the data for this from January 2022- 1st November. Please could this be split by month and shared in an Excel format?

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 word "incident" in Gloucestershire Constabulary's terminology refers to a type of record, not the event as a whole. If that incident is deemed to fall within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

In response to your request, a search of the Incident Recording System has been conducted for all records created between 01/01/2022 and 31/10/2023 where the closing code is Theft by Shoplifting. Please see the table below for the monthly breakdown.

Month/Year	Total
Jan-22	180
Feb-22	144
Mar-22	169
Apr-22	214
May-22	170
Jun-22	163
Jul-22	168
Aug-22	165
Sep-22	181
Oct-22	186
Nov-22	168
Dec-22	145
Jan-23	214
Feb-23	236
Mar-23	207
Apr-23	216
May-23	262
Jun-23	212
Jul-23	300
Aug-23	287
Sep-23	300
Oct-23	274
Total	4561

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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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
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