



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1139 & 2023.1140

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1139 & 2023.1140

On 23/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Reference: 2023.139

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

Please could you confirm the total number of knife crimes between 1 November 2020 to 1 November 2023?

Please can this data be broken down by area?

Reference: 2023.140

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. Please could you confirm the total number of gun crimes between 1 November 2020 to 1 November 2023?
2. Please can this data be broken down by area?

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.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm a search of the crime recording system has been conducted for substantiated crimes where a knife crime has been applied and a search for all firearms crimes recorded for 01/11/2022 – 01/11/2023, this search has included the Local Policing Areas (LPAs). Please see below the combined response:

The results are as the following:

LPA	Knife crime tag	Firearms offences
Cheltenham LPA	81	8
Cotswolds LPA	25	2
Forest LPA	33	5
Gloucester LPA	140	14
Stroud LPA	25	6
Tewkesbury LPA	30	7
Unclassified LPA	17	2
Total	351	44

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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