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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1199

On 14/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the following:

1. How many people have been charged with a knife crime offence by your police force in the following years:

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

2. How many reports of knife crime offences have you had in your police force in the following years:

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12 of the FOI Act, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

I request that the information be sent to me digitally and within the legal timeframe for requests.

Clarification was sought to confirm whether you would like a search conducted for the offence under the Home Office Counting Rules of 'Possession of Article with blade or point' or a search of all substantiated crimes within the years requested where a knife crime tag has been applied.

A response was received requesting a search of all substantiated crimes where a knife crime tag has been applied.

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, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 – 14/12/2023. A filter has then been applied to identify records where a knife crime tag has been applied.

This has returned 1837 results.

1. An annual breakdown of people charged with an offence where a knife crime tag has been applied.

Outcome	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Charged/Summonsed	76	76	60	63	53	40	368

2. An annual breakdown of the number of reports where a knife crime tag has been applied.

Reports	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Reports with Knife Crime Tag	312	314	295	301	309	306	1837

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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