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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1208

On 18/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many reports of stalking and harassment have you received from January 1st, 2022, to November 1st, 2023?
2. Please can you also provide a breakdown of the gender for who is reporting the offence of stalking and harassment from January 1st, 2022, to November 1st, 2023?
3. Please can you provide the outcome of each of these reports of stalking and harassment between the set dates.

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's deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. 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.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2023 and 31/10/2023 where one of the following offences have been recorded:

- Stalking involving fear of violence
- Stalking involving serious alarm/distress
- Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order
- Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking

Please see below for the breakdowns requested.

1.

Offence	Total
Stalking	490
Stalking involving fear of Violence	833
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	1974
Total	3297

2.

A filter has been applied to the data retrieved for Q1 to identify the gender of the victim recorded on the crime. Please note that this is a count of people, not crime records and there may be 1 victim for multiple crimes.

Gender	Total
Female	2516
Male	747
Unknown/not recorded	31
Total	3294

3.

Offence/Outcome	Total
Stalking	
Action undertaken by another body/agency	2
Charged/Summons	12
Community Resolution	8
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	298
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	134
Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	13
Investigation complete: no suspect identified	16
Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	3

Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	2
Prosecution time limit expired	2
Stalking involving fear of Violence	
Action undertaken by another body/agency	4
Adult Caution	1
Charged/Summons	66
Community Resolution	10
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	474
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	249
Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	9
Investigation complete: no suspect identified	16
Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	2
Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	1
Prosecution time limit expired	1
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	
Action undertaken by another body/agency	6
Adult Caution	1
Charged/Summons	90
Community Resolution	21
Diversory	3
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	1092
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	658
Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	28
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	3
Investigation complete: no suspect identified	64
Not in public interest (CPS)	1
Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	2
Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	3
Prosecution time limit expired	2
Total	3297

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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