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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1211

On 19/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of reports/allegations from complainants claiming they were drugged and raped from January 2021 to the present day, giving a month-by-month breakdown and in each case specifying the sex and age of the complainant
2. The number of reports/allegations from complainants claiming their drinks had been 'spiked' from January 2021 to the present day, giving a month-by-month breakdown and in each case specifying the sex and age of the complainant
3. The number of reports/allegations from complainants claiming they had been 'spiked' with a needle, giving a month-by-month breakdown and in each case specifying the sex and age of the complainant
4. the number of arrests and charges for all of the above and the age and sex of those charged.

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 clarification with you, it was determined that that relevant searches for this request are as follows –

Q1

A search of the Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2021 and 30/11/2023 where the offence falls under the Home Office Offence Category of Rape. This has returned a total of 1,992 crimes. A filter has then been applied to identify the records where the keywords of “drugged”, “spiked” and/or “injected” have been included in the MO freetext. This has returned a total of 48 relevant crimes.

The results have been broken down by year and offence classification.

Please note that due to the relatively small number of records identified and the nature of the offences, the totals have not been broken down by month as to do so may lead to the identification of an individual.

Month/Year	Offence				Total
	Attempted rape of female 16+	Rape of female -16	Rape of female 16+	Rape of male 16+	
2021	1		12		13
2022			16	1	17
2023		2	13	3	18
Total	1	2	41	4	48

The above results have been further broken down by the keyword identified.

Keyword	Total
Drugged	22
Injected	2
Spiked	24
Total	48

Using the Person data recorded on the above crimes, the below tables provide a breakdown of the age group and gender of the victim – where recorded. Please note that uncorrelated tables have been provided in order that no one person can be identified.

Age Group	Total
0-17 yrs	5
18-29 yrs	16
30-39 yrs	9
40-49 yrs	9
50+	8
Not Recorded	1

Total	48
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Gender	Total
Female	42
Male	4
Not Recorded	1
Unknown	1
Total	48

Q2-3

A search of the Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2021 and 30/11/2023 where the offence recorded is one of the following:

- Administering a substance with intent
- Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy
- Administering poison so as to endanger life

This has returned a total of 395 crimes. A filter has then been applied to identify the records where the keywords of “drugged”, “spiked” and/or “injected” have been included in the MO freetext. This has returned a total of 244 relevant crimes.

The results have been broken down by month/year and offence classification.

Month/Year	Offence			Total
	Administer poison w/i endanger life	Administer poison w/i injure	Administer substance with intent	
2021				
Jan		1		1
Mar		1		1
Jun		3	1	4
Aug		4	1	5
Sep	1	1		2
Oct		5	1	6
Nov		46	1	47
Dec		11		11
2022				
Jan	1	7		8
Feb	1	7		8
Mar	2	5	1	8
Apr	1	7		8
May		5		5
Jun	1	4	1	6

Jul		3	1	4
Aug	1	4		5
Sep		11		11
Oct	1	14		15
Nov	1	8		9
Dec		8		8
2023				
Jan		5	1	6
Feb		6	1	7
Mar	1	10		11
Apr		7		7
May		12	1	13
Jun		1		1
Jul		3		3
Aug		4		4
Sep		8		8
Oct		6		6
Nov		6		6
Total	11	223	10	244

The above results have been further broken down by the keyword identified. Please note that multiple keywords have been recorded on multiple crime records, therefore the total number of records and total number of keywords identified will differ.

Keyword	Total
Drugged	12
Injected	20
Spiked	214
Total	246

Using the Person data recorded on the above crimes, the below tables provide a breakdown of the age group and gender of the victim – where recorded. Please note that uncorrelated tables have been provided in order that no one person can be identified.

Age Group	Total
0-17 yrs	15
18-29 yrs	138
30-39 yrs	44
40-49 yrs	15

50+	16
Not Recorded	16
Total	244

Gender	Total
Female	160
Male	61
Not Recorded	7
Unknown	16
Total	244

Q4

The Arrest Recording system's primary function is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, the system does not record arrests as per the Home Office Counting Rules but instead by Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. As a result, we cannot electronically link arrests to crimes and are unable to extract any meaningful data for the outcome of "charge" resulting from arrests. We can, however identify the police outcome of "charge" from the crime records. Of the records identified above for Q1-3, a filter has been applied to determine the recorded outcomes. For the outcome of Charge, there is 1 result for the offence of Attempted rape of female 16+.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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