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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1217**

On 20/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

How many crimes have been committed by under 10-year-olds in your police force in the following years:

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Can you also please detail what the most common type of crime was committed by those under 10 years of age?

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.

A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 and 31/11/2023, where the age of the suspect and/or offender is recorded as between the age of 0-9yrs. The table below shows the results broken down by offence and year.

| Offence                              | Year      |           |           |            |            |            | Total      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                      | 2018      | 2019      | 2020      | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |            |
| Arson and criminal damage            | 7         | 6         | 14        | 12         | 27         | 8          | 74         |
| Burglary                             | 1         |           | 1         |            | 2          | 1          | 5          |
| Drug offences                        |           |           | 1         | 1          |            | 1          | 3          |
| Miscellaneous crimes against society |           | 1         | 6         | 10         | 17         | 14         | 48         |
| Possession of weapons                | 1         |           |           |            | 2          | 4          | 7          |
| Public Order                         | 2         | 4         | 1         | 5          | 22         | 12         | 46         |
| Robbery                              |           | 1         |           | 1          | 3          |            | 5          |
| Sexual offences                      | 7         | 20        | 23        | 30         | 21         | 29         | 130        |
| Theft                                | 2         | 3         |           | 1          | 4          | 6          | 16         |
| Vehicle offences                     |           |           |           | 1          | 1          |            | 2          |
| Violence against the person          | 15        | 22        | 27        | 41         | 114        | 78         | 297        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>35</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>73</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>213</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>633</b> |

Whilst the above information is as requested, as the outcomes were not requested they have not been provided, however they may offer some context for the recording of the offences. If this would be of use to you, you can submit a new request for the additional information.

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely,

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