



Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0317**

On 16/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged victim was in the following age ranges:

- a) 11-15
- b) 16-24

Please provide breakdown by year – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

2. The number of coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged suspect was in the following age ranges:

- a) 11-15
- b) 16-24

Please provide breakdown by year – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

3. Of these offences from q2, please provide a breakdown of outcomes (charged, cautioned, no further action etc) for the following years - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

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 the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify substantiated crimes of “Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship” recorded between 01/04/2016 and 31/01/2023. The results have then been filtered in order to answer your questions.

Please note that data has been searched up to 31/01/2023 as this is the most recent available and complete data.

1. The below table is the number of victims aged 0-11yrs and 16-24yrs, broken down by financial year.

| Financial Year | Age Group |            | Total      |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                | 0-11      | 16-24      |            |
| 2016-2017      | 0         | 10         | <b>10</b>  |
| 2017-2018      | 0         | 17         | <b>17</b>  |
| 2018-2019      | 1         | 37         | <b>38</b>  |
| 2019-2020      | 2         | 77         | <b>79</b>  |
| 2020-2021      | 0         | 55         | <b>55</b>  |
| 2021-2022      | 10        | 151        | <b>161</b> |
| 2022-2023      | 9         | 159        | <b>168</b> |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>22</b> | <b>506</b> | <b>528</b> |

2. The below table is the number of recorded offenders aged 0-11yrs and 16-24yrs, broken down by financial year.

| Financial Year | Age Group |           | Total     |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                | 0-11      | 16-24     |           |
| 2016-2017      | 0         | 1         | <b>1</b>  |
| 2017-2018      | 0         | 1         | <b>1</b>  |
| 2018-2019      | 0         | 2         | <b>2</b>  |
| 2019-2020      | 0         | 3         | <b>3</b>  |
| 2020-2021      | 0         | 2         | <b>2</b>  |
| 2021-2022      | 0         | 2         | <b>2</b>  |
| 2022-2023      | 0         | 3         | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>14</b> |

3. Following the identification of offenders for Q2, the below table depicts the recorded police outcomes, broken down by financial year.

| Outcome | Financial Year |      |      |      |      |      |      | Total |
|---------|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
|         | 2016           | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |       |
|         | -              | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |       |
|         | 2017           | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |       |

|                                              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Adult Caution                                | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>1</b>  |
| Det Charge / Summons                         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 2        | 1        | 2        | 3        | <b>11</b> |
| Further Investigation Not In Public Interest | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>1</b>  |
| IP Supports - Suspect Identified             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>14</b> |

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.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer  
Gloucestershire Constabulary