



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0052

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0052

On 12/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In the last 2 calendar years how many people under the age of 18 have been arrested for dug offences, what is the offence they were arrested for.

can each year be separate figures please

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 Arrest Recording System has been conducted to identify the number of times a drugs-related Reason for Arrest (RFA) has been recorded between the dates of 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2023. A filter has then been applied to determine the number of those where the detained person was aged 0-17yrs. Please note that this is the number of offences recorded, not the number of authorised detentions, and that it is possible to record more than 1 RFA per detention.

Please see the below table for the annual breakdown;

Reason for Arrest	Year		Total
	2022	2023	
Drugs Possession Class A	7	12	19
Drugs Supply Class A	22	23	45
Drugs Supply Class B	16	21	37
Total	45	56	101

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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