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Our reference: FOI_24_0073

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0073

On 16/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please may I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1 - The number of shoplifting incidents reported to your police force in the following calendar years – 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (one figure for each year please).

2 – The number of times an officer or representative from your police force attended in person to a reported incident of shoplifting in the following calendar years – 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (one figure for each year 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 Incident Recording System has been conducted to identify all records where the closing code is Theft by Shoplifting, between the dates of 01/01/2013 and 31/12/2023. This has returned a total of 31,025 records. This has been broken down by year below, along with the total number of records where it has been recorded that an officer attended the incident.

Year	Shoplifting Incidents	Attended
2013	2820	1707
2014	3033	1334
2015	3198	1138
2016	3187	902
2017	3476	720
2018	3014	622
2019	2764	508
2020	2416	485
2021	2049	381
2022	2053	334
2023	3015	409

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 –

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

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