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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0077

On 17/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

You kindly last provided us with data for 2020.

We are updating our records.

We would like to know about antisemitic crimes and non-criminal antisemitic incidents recorded by Gloucestershire Constabulary, with numbers of crimes and incidents individually broken down for each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

We will use the data to publish a crime audit to provide a valuable insight into the prevalence of antisemitic crimes and non-criminal antisemitic incidents in the United Kingdom.

Reply

If any of the information that we have requested is already in the public domain, please direct us to it with website links, as appropriate.

Request

Question 1a

If Gloucestershire Constabulary flags antisemitic crimes separately, please provide us with:

The total number of antisemitic crimes recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023;

The total number of antisemitic violent crimes recorded, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, which fell into the Home Office categories of “homicide”, “violence with injury” and “racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury”;

The total number of antisemitic crimes, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, that resulted in charges being brought; and

The total number of antisemitic non-criminal incidents recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Question 1b

If Gloucestershire Constabulary does not flag antisemitic crimes separately, please search for crimes and non-criminal incidents in your CRIS using the following whole keywords (i.e. not parts of words, but whole words, so that when you search for “Jew”, entries containing “jewellery” are not returned). Since use of all the keywords might prevent you from answering this FOI request due to excessive cost, please only use the keywords (starting at the top) that can be used without incurring excessive cost.

The keywords are:

Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism

Semite/Semitic/Semitism

Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism

Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish

When responding to Q1 or Q1a, please use the following table format, with the following headings:

Month

Number of antisemitic crimes recorded

Number of antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence* Number of antisemitic crimes resulting in charges being brought Number of antisemitic incidents reported

*For the purpose of this request, antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence are those antisemitic crimes which fell into the Home Office categories of “homicide”, “violence with injury” and “racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury”.

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.

When an individual contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. If that incident is deemed to fall within

the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

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Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of the Crime Recording System for all recorded crimes where a hate crime tag of Religion – Jewish and Religious has been applied between the dates of 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2023.

A further search has been conducted of the incident recording system for non crime hate incidents recorded between 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2023, whereby a free text keyword search of the following terms have been included:

Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism

Semite/Semitic/Semitism

Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism

Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish

The following data was returned:

Number of Crimes where the Religion – Jewish Hate Crime tag has been applied

Month and Year	2021	2022	2023	Total
Feb	0	5	2	7
Mar	2	4	0	6
Apr	0	1	1	2
May	1	4	1	6
Jun	2	0	2	4
Jul	0	2	1	3
Sep	0	2	0	2
Oct	2	2	3	7
Nov	1	1	2	4
Dec	0	0	3	3
Total	8	21	15	44

The number of crimes, which fell into the Home Office Categories of 'Homicide', 'Violence with Injury', is Zero (0).

The number of crimes, which fell into the Home Office Categories of 'Racially or Religiously aggravated assault without injury' is 2 between 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2023. Due to the low number of crimes would likely identify individuals. This information is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of further information of the racially or religiously aggravated assaults without injury, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

The number of crimes that resulted in an outcome of 'Charge/Summons' is 0.

The number of Non-crime Hate incidents

Month and Year	2021	2022	2023	Total
Jan	0	1	0	1
May	1	2	0	3
Nov	0	1	3	4
Dec	1	0	1	2
Total	2	4	4	10

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
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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