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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0080

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

Information requested: I am getting in touch from ITV National News regarding the information about domestic abuse offences.

Could you please provide the following information?

Over the last 5 years:

1. How many of those killed as a result of domestic violence had previously contacted police for help?
2. How many of those convicted for murder/manslaughter were repeat offenders?

I wish to be informed in writing whether you have such information and, if so, I seek the disclosure of that information. If the information is covered by any exemptions, please disclose such information as is not covered by the exemptions.

Clarification was sought requesting if the victims had previously been in contact with the police for Domestic Violence offences and if the offender were repeat offenders of Domestic Violence.

Clarification was received confirming that you are interested in the victims which contacted police for previous domestic violence offences and the repeat offenders who repeatedly committed Domestic abuse related offences.

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.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of the Crime Recording System for all homicide and manslaughter offences between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023, whereby a Domestic Abuse (DA) tag has been applied to the crimes. This result has brought back 10 results of homicide/ manslaughter offences where a DA tag has been applied. A manual review has then been conducted to ascertain if either victim and offender regardless if it was the same victim or offender has recorded any other crimes.

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

In order to assist with your request we have looked at offenders who have been charged by the police.

The results are as follows:

1. A breakdown of Victims have recorded previously reported Crimes

Victims	2021	2022	2023	Total
Y	2	1	2	5
Total	2	1	2	5

2. Breakdown of repeat offenders who have been charged by the police

Offenders	2022	2023	Total
Y	3	0	3
Total	3	0	3

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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Yours sincerely,

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