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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0100

On 23/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to know what data Gloucestershire Constabulary holds on children that have been caught with a knife and/or been attacked with a knife.

I am looking for data pertaining to 6 to 13 year olds which is broken it down by age (ie individual stats for 6 year olds, 7 years olds, etc) on the following:

1. The number of children within that age bracket who have been found with a knife by the police.
2. The number of children within that age bracket that have been a victim of knife related crimes committed by other adults.
3. The number of children within that age bracket who have been a victim of knife related crimes by other children
4. The number of children within the ages of 10 to 13 that have been arrested or charged for carrying a knife.

The date needed is from Jan 2019 to December 2023 (or the most recent available data - please make clear when this data runs up to) and would like the data broken down by year and age group.

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.

1. I can confirm that a search has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2023 whereby the following offences were recorded and the age of the suspect/offender was recorded at between 6 and 13 inclusive:

8/11 - Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse

8/28 - Possession of other offensive weapon on school/further education premises

197/21 - Possession of an offensive weapon in a private place

The results are as follows:

Age	2019	2022	2023	Total
10	1		1	2
11	1	1		2
12			1	1
13		1		1
Total	2	2	2	6

2. In order to answer this question, a search has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2023 whereby the Knife Crime tag has been added to the record and the age of the victim is between 6 and 13 inclusive and age of the suspect/offender is aged 18 or over.

The results are as follows:

Age	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
9	1	1		1		3
11	1	1				2
12			2			2
13			1		3	4
Total	2	2	3	1	3	11

3. A search has been conducted of crimes using that same search parameters as question 2 but with whereby the suspect/offender is aged under 18.

The results are as follows:

Age	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
9	1		1		1	3

10	2			2		4
11			1	1	2	4
12	2	1			3	6
13	1	2	5	1		9
Total	6	3	7	4	6	26

4. No information held. No records suggest that any children aged 10 to 13 have been charged for any offences listed in question 1.

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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