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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0111

On 24/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Hate Crimes involving Homophobia from the years 20/21, 21/22 and 23/24

Hate Crimes involving Transphobia from the years 20/21, 21/22 and 23/24

Hate crimes involving LGBTQ+ (Generalised) from the years 20/21, 21/22 and 23/24

Hate Crimes involving Homophobia under the age of 18 from the years 20/21, 21/22 and 23/24

Hate Crimes involving Transphobia under the age of 18 from the years 20/21, 21/22 and 23/24

Hate crimes involving LGBTQ+ (Generalised) under the age of 18 from the years 20/21, 21/22 and 23/24

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.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for all substantiated crimes where a hate crime tag has been applied as the following Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (trans) between 01/04/2020 – 24/01/2024. The age groups of the victims have been brought into the search.

There is no distinction between homophobia and LGBTQ+ community, these are encompassed in one strand of Sexual Orientation. The results are as follows:

A breakdown of crimes where a Sexual Orientation hate crime tag has been applied.

Financial Year	Sexual Orientation	Total
2020/21	123	123
2021/22	196	196
2022/23	233	233
2023/24	159	159
Total	711	711

A breakdown of crime where a Gender Identity – Trans hate crime tag has been applied.

Financial Year	Gender Identity - Trans	Total
2020/21	16	16
2021/22	25	25
2022/23	84	84
2023/24	52	52
Total	177	177

A consolidated response for the age groups has been provided, to ensure that no individuals can be identified from data.

A breakdown of victim under age of 18 for the hate crime tag of Sexual Orientation

Financial Year	0-17	Total
2020/21	13	16
2021/22	32	32
2022/23	53	53
2023/24	28	29
Total	126	130

A breakdown of victim under age of 18 for the hate crime tag of Gender Identity – Trans

Financial Year	0 - 17	Total
2020/21	1	1
2021/22	3	3
2022/23	20	20
2023/24	9	9
Total	33	33

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 any further breakdown of age groups, 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 with 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.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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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