



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0115

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0115

On 26/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner's annual report 2022 to 2023 (published 24/1/24) states that police forces lost 2081 DNA samples in 2022/23 (para.53):

[Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner's annual report 2022 to 2023 \(accessible\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

1. Please provide the number of DNA samples Gloucestershire Constabulary lost in 2022/23.

Paragraph 50 states:

'50. Failure to seal the bag correctly again features highly as an issue, rising from 953 occasions in the last reporting year to 1214 to this year...'

2. Please provide the number of failures attributed to incorrectly sealed bags recorded by Gloucestershire Constabulary in 2022/23.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

1. No information held.
2. The Constabulary has recorded 7 failures attributed to incorrectly sealed bags.

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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