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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0132

On 29/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would be grateful if you would treat the following correspondence as a request for disclosure of the following information, under Freedom of Information law (FoI).

Description of information sought:

1. The number of incidents your force has recorded so far during the current financial year to date containing the following keywords as well as their alternate names provided in brackets: "Synthetic opioid"; "Nitazene"; "Fentanyl"; "Metonitazene"; "Protonitazene"; "Isotonitazene"; "Butonitazene"; "Flunitazene"; "Metodesnitazene" (metazene); "Etodesnitazene" (etazene); "N-Pyrrolidino-ettonitazene" (Etonitazepyne); "N-Piperidiny-ettonitazene" (Etonitazepipne); "N-Pyrrolidino Protonitazene"; "Ethyleneoxynitazene"; "N-Desethyl protonitazene"; "N-Desethylisotonitazene"; "N-Desethyl-ettonitazene" and "Brorphine".

2. Please supply any description held by your force for each incident and please break these data down by each month and by each keyword. In particular please ensure to search your force's records of drugs-related incidents, including any alleged offences/reports which may be covered by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 and The Customs and Excise Management Act 1979.

Further email received with clarification on your request:

If your force has a separate recording system for incidents/incident reports ie from members of the public and a separate recording system for crimes which means they cannot be searched simultaneously, please can your force perform these keyword searches in its crime recording system.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary does not hold 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. Please note that the word "incident" in Gloucestershire Constabulary's terminology refers to a type of record, not the event as a whole. If an offence is being reported (rather than a missing person for example) the "incident" will be assessed to determine if the offence falls within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime. If that incident is deemed to fall within the counting rules, 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 has been conducted for all substantiated crimes between 01/04/2023 – 29/01/2024. Whereby a keyword search of the MOs has been conducted for the following terms:

Synthetic opioid
Nitazene
Fentanyl
Metonitazene
Protonitazene
Isotonitazene
Butonitazene
Flunitazene
Metodesnitazene
metazene
Etodesnitazene
etazene
N-Pyrrolidino-etonitazene
Etonitazepyne
N-Piperidinyl-etonitazene
Etonitazepipne
N-Pyrrolidino Protonitazene
Ethyleneoxynitazene
N-Desethyl protonitazene
N-Desethylisotonitazene
N-Desethyl-etonitazene
Brophine

This search has returned zero (0) results.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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