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Our reference: FOI_24_0148

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0148

On 06/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could you break down the following information for the 2021 calendar year, 2022 calendar year and the 2023 calendar year.

1. How many reports of acid attacks were recorded by your force over the requested period? Please tell me the age, gender and ethnicity of the victims and suspects if this information is recorded in your system.
2. Can you please tell me how long it took (in days) for the police to arrest the suspect (from the day the attack was reported).
3. Please tell me if the suspect was charged for the acid attack (and under what legislation). Please tell me why the suspect wasn't charged if they weren't (i.e. victim withdraws support, lack of evidence etc).
4. Please tell me whether or not your force offered a cash reward to find the suspect (telling me how much), in the relevant cases, and send me any internal emails/memos justifying this decision to offer the reward if they are available

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.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted for crimes recorded from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2023, whereby the offence recorded was 5/7 - Causing explosions, sending explosive substance or throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

1. The above search has resulted in the following number of crimes having been recorded:

Year	No. of Crimes
2021	3
2022	2
2023	5

Victim's Gender:

Gender	No. of victims
M	5
F	5

Victim's Ethnicity:

Ethnicity	No. of Victims
British	7
Any other Black Background	1
Unknown/Not stated	2

Victim's ages:

Age Group	No. of Victims
11-19	2
20-29	2
30-39	4
40-49	1
60-69	1

Suspect/Offender gender:

Gender	No. of Suspect/Offenders
M	8
F	1

Suspect/Offender's ethnicity:

Ethnicity	No. of Suspect/Offenders
White - British	4
Mixed - White & Black	2
Not Provided	3

Suspect/Offender's ages:

Age Group	No. of Suspect/Offenders
11-19	7
20-29	1
30-39	1

I can confirm that a further correlation of the above information is likely to disclose personal information and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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 any further correlation of the above data, 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.

2. I can confirm that for any suspects that were arrested, the arrest was carried out within 24 hours of the offence.
3. I can confirm that the Police outcomes for the 10 x crimes recorded were as follows:

Police Outcome	No. of crimes
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	2
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	2
Undetected	2
Youth Diversionary	1
Det NFA Community Resolution	1
IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	1

4. No information held. I can confirm that the Constabulary has not offered a cash reward for any of these crimes.

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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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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