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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0152

On 05/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request access to information regarding the prevalence of sexual crime against children in the UK. I have requested the same information from all forces in the UK. I have several requests, which I have aggregated below, rather than send them separately - however, if this will exceed the cost limit, please let me know and I will send them separately.

Where all of the following conditions apply:

- a. financial year 2021/22
 - b. the offence code was in use by Gloucestershire during the timeframe
 - c. one or more victims is under 18 at time of incident
- please state, per offence code, how many of the following crimes were recorded by Gloucestershire, broken down by crime outcome code (1-22), and whether the victim was under 18, 18 and over, or where victim age is unknown:

- 1. Abduction (Home Office offence codes: 02500, 02501, 02502, 02503, 02504, 02505)
- 2. Soliciting by a man (Home Office offence codes: 02700)
- 3. Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography (Home Office offence codes: 07100, 07101, 07102, 07103, 07104, 07105, 07106, 07107, 07108, 07109, 07110, 07111, 07112, 07113, 07114, 07115, 07117)
- 4. Trafficking For Sexual Exploitation (Home Office offence codes: 07200, 07201, 07202, 07203, 07204, 07205, 07206)
- 5. Abuse of Trust - Sexual Offences (Home Office offence codes: 07300, 07301, 07302, 07303, 07304, 07305, 07306, 07307, 07308, 07309, 07310, 07311, 07312, 07313, 07314, 07315, 07316, 07317, 07318)
- 6. Gross Indecency with Children (Home Office offence codes: 07400, 07401, 07402)

7. Obscene publications etc and protected sexual material (Home Office offence codes: 08600, 08601, 08602, 08603, 08604, 08605, 08606, 08607, 08608, 08609, 08610, 08611, 08612, 08613, 08614, 08615, 08616, 08617)
8. Miscellaneous Sexual Offences (Home Office offence codes: 08800, 08801, 08802, 08803, 08804, 08805, 08806, 08807, 08809, 08810, 08811)

Please note that some of these offences may be superseded by newer offence codes and no longer used - if that is the case, please report a zero result for that code.

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 the following offences:

71 Abuse of Children through Sexual Exploitation
27 Soliciting for the purpose of prostitution
73 Abuse of Position of Trust of a Sexual Nature
88A Sexual Grooming
88C Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences
88D Unnatural Sexual Offences
88E Exposure ad Voyeurism
86 Obscene Publications etc.

Between the dates of 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022, the search has included the recorded outcomes and the victims age groups where recorded. The results are as follows: GC-20230408-0462GC-20230408-0462GC-20230408-0462

Please note that uncorrelated tables have been provided to avoid the likelihood of an individual being identified by virtue of Section 40(2) 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.

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.

Outcomes	71	73	86	88A.	88C.	88E.	Total
Det Charge / Summons	0	1	1	5	0	9	16
Det NFA IP Declines/Unable Prosecute	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Det NFA Offender Ill / Senile	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Det NFA Offender Under Age	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Further Investigation Not In Public Interest	0	0	8	0	0	2	10
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	1	0	8	24	8	19	60
IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	0	0	4	5	0	7	16
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	2	5	14	9	1	28	59
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	1	2	11	9	2	27	52
Other Force Agency	1	0	8	0	0	0	9
Undetected	1	1	0	2	0	2	6
Youth Diversionary	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	6	10	55	54	11	98	234

Age	71	73	86	88A.	88C.	88E.	Total
Under 18	6	7	42	51	2	22	130
Unknown	0	0	8	2	0	6	16
Over 18	0	3	5	1	9	70	88
Total	6	10	55	54	11	98	234

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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