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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0177

On 09/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to know how many suspected domestic abuse call outs have been made to Beachley and Sedbury in the 10 years.

Also how many domestic abuse call outs have been made to Bourton on the water in the same timeframe.

How many of these instances resulted in a conviction.

Are instances of domestic abuse higher in Beachley and Sedbury then other areas with similar population density.

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 clarification with you, searches of the Incident Recording System have been conducted for Incidents recorded where the address falls under the community level of “Tidenham and Sedbury” and “Bourton on the Water”. I can confirm that the location of Beachley falls under the community level of Tidenham.

A filter has then been added to the results to identify only those where the Domestic Abuse (DA) tag has been applied to the record. For the period of 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2023, this has returned a total of 1,693 records. Please see the below for a breakdown by community and year.

Year	Bourton on the Water	Tidenham and Sedbury	Total
2014	90	61	151
2015	120	63	183
2016	105	57	162
2017	93	48	141
2018	100	47	147
2019	126	46	172
2020	111	58	169
2021	141	77	218
2022	112	70	182
2023	101	67	168
Total	1099	594	1693

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

With regards to the last question, population data is not information that is held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, therefore there is no recorded information that can be provided in response to this question.

Section 16 – Duty to Assist

The above searches have been conducted using the Incident Recording System. 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, however, if that incident is deemed to

fall within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System. An alternative search using the Crime Recording System may provide some useful information as we will be able to identify substantiated DA related crimes where the outcome is Charged.

You can submit a new request for this information if this would be helpful.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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