



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0263

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Date: 26/03/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0263

On 28/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Q1. How many reports of mobile phone theft have you received in your area in 2023?
<INSERT NUMBER>

Q2. How many reports of mobile phone theft have you received in your area in the following years? Please provide a figure for each year

- 2022
- 2021
- 2024 to date

Q.3 How many reports of mobile phone robbery (i.e. a mobile phone snatched from a person) have you received in your council area in the following years? Please provide a figure for each year

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021
- 2024 to date

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.

When an Individual contacts the police (i.e. makes a “report”) and it’s deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. 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.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary’s Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2021 and 31/01/2024 where a property item has been recorded as stolen/recovered. The property item specifically searched for in this instance is “office/comms|phone|mobile/accessory”. This has returned all crimes where a mobile phone has been recorded as stolen. Please note that the below data is a count of crimes recorded, not the number of property items recorded as stolen.

Q1&2:

Year	Total
2021	174
2022	147
2023	73
2024	2
Total	396

Q3:

A filter has been applied to the results to identify only those records where the offence recorded is Robbery.

Year	Total
2021	6
2022	2
2023	1
2024	0
Total	9

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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