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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0291

On 08/03/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to make an open government request for all of the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Can you please provide details of reports of "Spiking" of drinks in your police area for 2021, 2022 and 2023.
2. Can you break this down by location, type of venue, bar/nightclub,
3. by sex of complainant
4. by date - week or month.

Please note I have reformatted your questions for ease.

On the 27/03/2024 we asked you to clarify the specific offences you wanted us to search for using the Home Office Crime Recording Rules. You confirmed the below four offences:

- 005/10 - Administer poison so as to endanger life [Offences Against the Person Act]
- 008/02 - Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy [Offences Against the Person Act]
- 088/05 - Administering a substance with intent [Sexual Offences Act]
- 005/05 - Using Chloroform etc. to commit an indictable offence [Offences Against the Person Act]

You also confirmed you wanted the below locations searched:

- NIGHT-CLUB
- BAR
- LOCATION - IN / NEAR PUB / CLUB / BAR

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 a search has been conducted on our Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes between 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2023 whereby the offences above have been recorded. A breakdown has been provided for the Local Policing Areas (LPAs) and a filter has been added to show crimes with the locations for bar/nightclub/pub. A further breakdown has been done for the gender of the victim.

1.

Offence	2021	2022	2023	Total
Administer poison w/i endanger life	2	8		10
Administer poison w/i injure	64	76	42	182
Administer substance with intent	4	2	3	9
Use chloroform w/i commit indictable offence	2	2		4
Total	72	88	45	205

2.

Location	2021	2022	2023	Total
Cheltenham LPA	44	50	27	121
Cotswolds LPA	1	6	2	9
Forest LPA		3	1	4
Gloucester LPA	23	24	9	56
Stroud LPA		4	1	5
Tewkesbury LPA	1		1	2
Unclassified LPA	3	1	4	8
Total	72	88	45	205

Please note that all of the crimes have been tagged with the locations of bar/nightclub/pub.

3.

Gender	2021	2022	2023	Total
Female	58	66	35	159
Male	10	16	4	30
Unknown	4	6	6	16
Total	72	88	45	205

Please note that any further breakdown of this data would likely identify individuals and is therefore exempt 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 information, 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.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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