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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0316

On 14/03/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the FOI Act 2000, please provide me with the number of reports for each of these offences broken down by year (calendar) each of 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

- 1) Section 6 - Possession of a corrosive substance in public place
- 2) Section 18 - Wounding or causing GBH with intent with the use of a corrosive substance
- 3) Section 20 – Unlawful wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm with the use of a corrosive substance
- 4) Section 29 – Sending, throwing or using explosive or corrosive substance or noxious thing with intent to do grievous bodily harm (when it is corrosive substance)

If within the time allowed, under each type of offence in each year, please provide breakdown of the corrosive substance where mentioned

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.

A search has been conducted on crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2023 whereby one of the following offences has been recorded:

008/75 - Have a corrosive substance in a public place

005/07 - Causing explosions, sending explosive substance or throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm

005/01 - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm

008/01 - Malicious Wounding:- wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm”

The constabulary has an acid attack tag that can be attached to relevant crimes. The results of the above search have then been narrowed down by those that include the acid attack tag.

1) 008/75 - No information held

2) 005/07

Yearly	All crimes	Acid attack tag
2019	0	0
2020	1	1
2021	3	3
2022	2	2
2023	5	5

3) 005/01 - No information held

4) 008/01 - No information held

Please note that these results of this search are solely reliant on the acid attack tag being used and therefore, there could be other relevant crimes that have not been included,

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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