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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0351

On 26/03/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dear Gloucestershire Constabulary,

I would like to receive information around the number of vans which have been stolen, the number of times items have been stolen from vans and the types of vans most commonly being stolen or stolen from.

To clarify, I would like to receive the following information:

1. How many thefts have taken place from vans: A list of all thefts where the offence category is Theft from a Motor Vehicle and the vehicle type is Van or Panel Van. Please can you provide these details broken down by the make and model of each vehicle, as well as a breakdown of the category of items stolen (e.g. Tools, equipment, personal items etc)
2. How many vans have been stolen: A list of all thefts where the offence category is Theft of a Motor vehicle and the vehicle type is Van or Panel Van. Please can you provide these details broken down by the make and model of each vehicle.

I would like this information to cover the following time periods:

1st January 2024 – 29th February 2024
1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023
1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

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 all substantiated crimes; a filter has been applied where the offences are recorded as:

- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle

For the dates of 01/01/2022 – 29/02/2024, whereby the property item is recorded as Cars and Vans|Vans. This search has included the property items where it has been recorded as Stolen and Stolen/Recovered, and the make and model of the van where it is recorded. The results are as follows:

For ease I have numbered your questions

1. Crime where the offence has been recorded as Theft from Motor Vehicle there are 3 crimes between 01/01/2022 – 29/02/2024. No further details can be provided due to the low numbers and there is a risk of identification of the individual. This is 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 the disclosure of any further details, 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 within 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.

2. Theft of a Motor Vehicle broken down by year

Year	Total
2022	30
2023	20
2024	5
Total	55

In an uncorrelated table, please see the recorded make and models of vans

Make and Model	Total
CITROEN	3
BERLINGO	2
RELAY	1
DAIHATSU	1
EXTOL	1
FIAT	1
DUCATO	1
FORD	30
FIESTA	1
RANGER	1
TRANSIT (ALL TYPES)	27
(blank)	1
MERCEDES BENZ	2
VITO	1
(blank)	1
OTHER	1
OTHER	1
PEUGEOT	5
BOXER	1
OTHER	1
PARTNER	2
VANS (ALL TYPES)	1
RENAULT	3
KANGOO	1
MASTER	1

TRAFIC	1
SEAT	1
VAN - ALL TYPES	1
VAUXHALL	2
VIVA	1
VIVARO	1
VOLKSWAGEN	6
CADDY VAN	3
OTHER VAN	2
TRANSPORTER	1
Total	55

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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