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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0387

On 10/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I'm getting in touch with an FOI request as I would like to receive information on the following questions for your local authority area, spanning the past 5 years up to the latest available data.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I wish to request the following information:

1. How many incidents of domestic violence were reported by the public and recorded during the requested timeframes?
2. Of those reported, how many cases of domestic violence were followed up by a police officer?
3. What were the police officer's response times for each domestic violence incident/report/call?
4. How many of these cases resulted in a prosecution?
5. Of the reported domestic abuse cases, how many were given a domestic violence protection order?

In your response, please include the following information (where available):

- A. The nature of the abuse (e.g. psychological, physical, sexual, emotional)
- B. 2. The gender of the victims
- C. 3. The gender of the offenders
- D. 4. The ethnic background of the victims
- E. 5. The age of the victims

Please note I have reformatted your questions for ease.

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 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.

I can confirm that the initial reporting of DV incidents will be recorded on the Incident Recording System along with whether a member of staff attended the incident. If the incident results in a crime being recorded and ultimately a police outcome e.g. charge, this will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

In order to answer questions 1-3 a search has been conducted for incidents recorded from 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023 whereby the domestic abuse tag was added to the record. The results are as follows:

Year	DA Tagged Incidents	Attended DA Tagged Incidents
2019	9321	7150
2020	10089	8731
2021	10557	9116
2022	10261	8332
2023	9534	7491

Average Response Time (Mins)

Year	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
2019	19.3	879.9	1053.9	417.4
2020	23.8	1278.1	3255.9	175.5
2021	24.1	2265.5	3260.5	2408.7
2022	29.7	3299.5	3486.0	2004.1
2023	24.4	2082.6	2609.8	1694.3

The Incident Recording System is largely free text and the gender, ethnicity and age of specifically victims and or offenders is not recorded.

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 question 5 I can confirm that The Constabulary recorded 275 Domestic Violence Prevention Orders. Please note that the Constabulary records only commenced in 2020 and therefore there is no data available for 2019.

Under Section 16 Duty to assist, in order to try and assist a search can be conducted for crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2023 whereby a DA tag was added to the record. The resulting crimes can then be broken down by the number that had a police outcome of charge / summons and the requested biographical information regarding victims and suspects. Please note that this information will not correlate to the information provided above because the information is gleaned from two different systems. If you wish to submit a new FOI request on this basis, please email foi@gloucestershire.police.uk.

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,

Disclosure Officer

