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Our reference: FOI_24_0397

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0397

On 11/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am interested in data on those charged with a homicide offence (murder or manslaughter) where there was at least one other suspect charged with the same offence. I understand you collect this data as the force passes this on to the Home Office's Homicide Index, which logs whether a suspect is the principal or secondary suspect in any murder or manslaughter case.

1. For each year (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), how many times the force charged someone with Murder and/or manslaughter, when there was at least one other person charged with the same crime.
2. If possible, for each year (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), please breakdown the ethnicity of those charged with Murder and/or manslaughter, when there was at least one other person charged with the same crime.
3. If possible, for each year (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), please breakdown the age ranges of those charged with Murder and/or manslaughter, when there was at least one other person charged with the same crime, by a. 14-17, b. 18-24, c. 25-29, d. 30-59, e. 60-69

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 of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2023 where the offence falls under the Home Office Offence Category of Murder and/or Manslaughter. A filter has then been applied to identify crime records where more than one offender is recorded.

This has returned 2 crime records.

I can confirm that over the 2 records, there are a total of 11 offenders. Due to the low number of crimes and offenders, no further breakdown will be provided.

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.

In this case 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.

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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