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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0409

On 12/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

My request relates to reports and charges for non-fatal strangulation and non-fatal suffocation.

Please note there are three parts to my request.

1.

In the dates between 7 June 2022 and 12 April 2024, has your force investigated the following offences:

SC15005 (non-fatal strangulation),

SC15006 (non-fatal suffocation)

For each offence, please provide:

(a) How many times your force has investigated the offence

(b) Whether the investigation led to a charge or summons

For more information on the offences and the codes, please refer to this link.

2.

Has your force received training on the two offences

SC15005 (non-fatal strangulation),

SC15006 (non-fatal suffocation)

since they were created on 7 June 2022.

Please provide a Y/N answer.

3.

If the answer to Q2 is "yes", please provide:

- (a) How many serving police staff have received the training
- (b) Copies of the training materials used

Clarification has been received

In response to a query from one force, I would like to make a clarification to my request for information.

The clarification is to Q3A and highlighted in red below.

1.

In the dates between 7 June 2022 and 12 April 2024, has your force investigated the following offences:

SC15005 (non-fatal strangulation),
SC15006 (non-fatal suffocation)

For each offence, please provide:

- (a) How many times your force has investigated the offence
- (b) Whether the investigation led to a charge or summons

For more information on the offences and the codes, please refer to this link.

2.

Has your force received training on the two offences

SC15005 (non-fatal strangulation),
SC15006 (non-fatal suffocation)

since they were created on 7 June 2022.

Please provide a Y/N answer.

3.

If the answer to Q2 is "yes", please provide:

- (a) How many serving police officers have received the training
- (b) Copies of the training materials used

Further clarification has been received:

In response to a query from one force, I would like to make a second clarification to my request for information.

I can only apologise for the confusion, and I understand this is frustrating however I hope it is soon enough after the initial request was made that it does not put you out too much!

The clarification is to the offence code and highlighted in red below. I realise in my original request I used the CPS offence code as opposed the Home Office offence code, and you will be using the latter, not the former.

1.

In the dates between 7 June 2022 and 12 April 2024, has your force investigated the following offences:

Home Office code 008/77 Non fatal strangulation and suffocation.

For each offence, please provide:

- (a) How many times your force has investigated the offence

(b) Whether the investigation led to a charge or summons

For more information on the offences and the codes, please refer to this link.

2.

Has your force received training on the two offences

Home Office code 008/77 Non fatal strangulation and suffocation.

Please provide a Y/N answer.

3.

If the answer to Q2 is "yes", please provide:

(a) How many serving police officers have received the training

(b) Copies of the training materials used

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 the offence of 008/77 – intentional strangulation and suffocation between 07/06/2022 – 12/04/2024, this search has included the Home Office Outcomes. Your request has also been sent to the learning and development department, who has confirmed the following:

1a. 478

1b. 63

2. Yes

3a. 710

3b. no information held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, training is delivered by a third party.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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