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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0411

On 15/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many reports of child abuse offences have you received from January 1st, 2023, to January 1st, 2024?
2. Please can you also provide the type of offence for each report of child abuse between the set dates?
3. Please can you provide the outcome for each of these child abuse offences that have been reported between the set dates?

On the 16/04/2024 we asked you to clarify your request and confirm which specific offences you were interested in. You confirmed the below offences:

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| • 011/02 | • 019/17 | • 071/13 |
| • 011/03 | • 019/18 | • 071/14 |
| • 012/00 | • 019/19 | • 071/15 |
| • 013/01 | • 071/01 | • 071/16 |
| • 013/02 | • 071/01 | • 071/17 |
| • 017/13 | • 071/01 | • 073/07 |
| • 017/14 | • 071/02 | • 073/08 |
| • 017/15 | • 071/03 | • 073/09 |
| • 017/16 | • 071/04 | • 073/10 |
| • 019/07 | • 071/05 | • 073/11 |
| • 019/08 | • 071/06 | • 073/12 |
| • 019/09 | • 071/07 | • 073/13 |
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| • 019/13 | • 071/11 | • 073/17 |
| • 019/16 | • 071/12 | • 073/18 |

- 088/01
- 088/02
- 109/01
- 109/01
- 109/05
- 109/06
- 109/07
- 109/08

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.

I can confirm a search has been conducted of the Crime Recording system between the dates of 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 for the above listed offences. Please see the below tables for a breakdown:

1. 1627

Offence	Total
011/03	1238
013/01	2
013/02	5
017/13	3
017/14	4
017/15	36
017/16	34
019/07	72
019/08	55
019/09	12
019/10	2
019/11	2
019/12	1
019/13	1
019/16	46
019/17	25
019/18	3

071/01	2
071/04	1
071/06	1
071/08	6
071/17	68
073/07	1
073/08	1
073/12	1
073/14	3
088/01	2
Total	1627

Outcome	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	23
10 - Not in public interest (Police)	1
11 - Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	10
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	5
13 - Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	3
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	45
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	744
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	272
17 - Prosecution time limit expired	1
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	80
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	285
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	7
3 - Adult Caution	12
8 - Community Resolution	10
UNKNOWN	129
Total	1627

Please note that any further correlation of this data would likely identify individuals and is therefore 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 any further information, 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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