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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0481**

On 30/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following:

The number of reported knife or bladed article possessions in schools in each of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. eg, 2019 - 5, 2020 - 24, and so on...

The number of reported threats involving a knife or bladed article in schools in each of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

The number of reported attacks involving a knife or bladed article in schools in each of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

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, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System for substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023 whereby the offence is listed as one of the following:

- Having article blade/point in a school premises
- Having article blade/point in public place
- Assault Occasioning ABH
- Threaten with a blade/pointed article on School Premises
- Threats to Kill
- Wound w/intent GBH

Filters have been applied to this search to identify records where the Knife Crime tag and the MO location Code of "School" has been applied.  
The results are as follows:

In a consolidated response please see the table below:

| Offences                                                 | 2019     | 2020     | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      | Total     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Assault occasioning ABH                                  | 1        | 2        | 6         | 2         | 1         | 12        |
| Have article blade/point -public place                   | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         |
| Have article blade/point -school premises                | 6        | 6        | 7         | 5         | 12        | 36        |
| Threaten with a blade/pointed article on school premises | 0        | 0        | 1         | 3         | 2         | 6         |
| Threats to kill                                          | 1        | 0        | 1         | 0         | 0         | 2         |
| Wound w/intent GBH                                       | 1        | 0        | 0         | 1         | 2         | 4         |
| <b>Total</b>                                             | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>61</b> |

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer  
Gloucestershire Constabulary