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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0525

On 16/05/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from your force:

- The number of people aged 18 or under who have been victim to either a confirmed or suspected spiking incident.

I would like this information broken down by the following, where that information is available:

- Age
- Gender
- Suspected method of spiking, e.g. vaping or drink or needle
- Whether the incident occurred at an place of education, for example school or college
- Whether the victim required any treatment at hospital
- Date of the incident

I would like this information for the past five years to the most recent date available, or as far back as possible given the cost and time parameters allowed under the FoI Act.

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 the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/05/2019 and 30/04/2024 where the victim is aged between 0-17years old and where the offence is one of the following:

- Administer poison so as to endanger life
- Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy
- Administering a substance with intent
- Using Chloroform etc. to commit an indictable offence

A manual review of the results has then been carried out to identify the method used, if the offence took place at an educational facility, and if the victim attended hospital. I can confirm that none of the records identified have recorded the offence location as an educational facility

Please see the tables below for the breakdowns requested;

Age	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
10	0	0	0	1	0	1
11	0	0	0	1	0	1
13	0	1	1	0	0	2
14	0	1	0	0	0	1
15	1	3	1	0	0	5
16	0	3	3	2	0	8
17	0	1	3	2	1	7
Total	1	9	8	6	1	25

Gender	Male	Female	U/K	Total
2020	1	0	0	1
2021	1	8	0	9
2022	2	4	2	8
2023	2	4	0	6
2024	1	0	0	1
Total	7	16	2	25

Method	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Cigarette	0	1	1	2	0	4
Drink	1	6	2	3	1	13
Inhaled	0	2	1	2	0	5
Needle	0	1	2	0	0	3
Not recorded	0	0	3	1	0	4
Vape	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	1	11	9	8	1	30

Hospital Treatment	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
N	0	8	2	4	1	15
Y	1	0	4	0	0	5
Not recorded	0	1	2	2	0	5
Total	1	9	8	6	1	25

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,

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