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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0526

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

1. The number of violence with injury and homicide offences with a mental health flag recorded in the year 2023/2024.
2. The number of violence with injury and homicide offences with a mental health flag recorded in the year 2022/2023.
3. The number of violence with injury and homicide offences with a mental health flag recorded in the year 2021/22.
4. The number of violence with injury and homicide offences with a mental health flag recorded in the year 2020/21.
5. The number of violence with injury and homicide offences with a mental health flag recorded in the year 2019/20.

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.

Within the Crime data search there is no mental health flag therefore, we have conducted the following searches:

A search has been conducted of our Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes between the dates of 01/04/2019 and 31/03/2024 for the offence of "Violence with Injury". This has been broken down to show the MO code of "Mental Health Issues".

Financial Year (April to March)	Sub class	Total
19/20	Violence with injury	131
20/21	Violence with injury	191
21/22	Violence with injury	181
22/23	Violence with injury	251
23/24	Violence with injury	199

I can confirm a search has been conducted of our Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes between the dates of 01/04/2019 and 31/03/2024 for the offences of "Homicide". There are a total of 33, of those, there are 2 with the MO code of "Mental Health Issues".

Year	Sub class	Total
2019 - 2024	Homicide	2

Please note that any further breakdown 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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