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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0562

On 04/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

How many reports of stalking and harassment have you received from January 1st 2019 to June 1st 2024. Please can you send a break down by calendar year,

Please can you also provide a breakdown of the gender for who is reporting the offence of stalking and harassment from January 1st, 2019, to June 1st 2024. Please can you send a break down by calendar year,

Please can you provide the outcome of each of these reports of stalking and harassment between the above dates.

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.

1. A search has been completed of our crime recording system for substantiated crimes recorded between the dates of 01.01.2019 and 01.06.2024 for the following offences:

- 8/65 – Stalking involving fear of violence
- 8/66 – Stalking involving serious alarm/distress
- 8/74 – Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order
- 195/12 – Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking

The totals have been broken down by calendar year below.

Offence	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
8/65 – Stalking involving fear of violence	84	56	315	415	610	328	1808
8/66 – Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	144	292	663	1058	1268	597	4022
8/74 – Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order			1	1		3	5
195/12 – Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking	87	110	389	328	227	54	1195
Total	315	458	1368	1802	2105	982	7030

2 A filter has been applied to the data provided for Q1 to show the gender of the victim.

Gender	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
F	272	392	1063	1394	1613	737	5471
M	38	63	287	395	462	228	1473
U	5	3	18	13	30	17	86
Total	315	458	1368	1802	2105	982	7030

3 A filter has been applied to the data provided for Q1 to show the crime outcomes.

Outcome	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	36	53	88	95	108	21	401
10 - Not in public interest (Police)	1					1	2
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill		1	1	6	2	3	13
13 - Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill			2	2	4		8
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	5	8	26	21	38	10	108

15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	77	101	290	529	702	168	1867
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	163	273	876	1047	1014	309	3682
17 - Prosecution time limit expired	2	1	7	6	6		22
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	13	15	31	57	54	21	191
2 - Youth Caution		1					1
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	2		16	8	6	7	39
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	12	4	15	3			34
22 - Diversionary	1			2	1		4
3 - Adult Caution	1	1	4	1	1		8
8 - Community Resolution			5	12	34	5	56
9 - Not in public interest (CPS)	1			1			2
Unknown	1		7	12	135	437	592
Total	315	458	1368	1802	2105	982	7030

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,

