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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0604

On 20/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of sextortion complaints your force has received year by year since 2014.
2. The number of successful sextortion convictions.
3. Do you make a note if a complainant has learning disabilities? If you do, how many complainants had a learning disability?
4. Are you under any obligation to make a note of a complainant's learning disability on records detailing allegations of criminal activity.

On the 26/06/2024 you confirmed:

"Hello, may I re-word this to better enable your search.

1. Are you able to provide year on year data for the Home Office Crime Code 035/00 (Blackmail) recorded by your force between 01/01/2014 and 31/05/2024 inclusive.
2. Are you then able to filter this data for the word "sextortion".
3. Are you able to filter this data for the words "learning disabilities" to see if the victim was in this category.

If you are unable to filter for either "sextortion" or "learning disabilities" can you still provide the data set requested in question 1. "

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. I can confirm a search has been conducted of our Crime Recording System for the substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2014 and 19/06/2024 for the offence of 035/00 – Blackmail. Please see the below

Year	Total
2014	19
2015	19
2016	53
2017	63
2018	76
2019	76
2020	133
2021	228
2022	361
2023	499
2024	161
Total	1688

2. I can confirm a filter has been applied to search the above crimes MO data for the term “sextortion”. This has resulted in 4 crimes.

Year	Total
2016	1
2017	1
2020	1
2020	1

3. A filter has also been applied for the term “learning disabilities”. This has resulted in zero results

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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