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Our reference: FOI_24_0606

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0606

On 21/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of illegal guide dog access refusals (i.e. incidents breaching the Equality Act 2020 whereby a business or service provider refuses access to a person on the basis that they are with a guide dog) reported to Gloucestershire Police in the following calendar years:

2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary may hold 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.

I can confirm a search has been conducted of our Incident Recording System for the dates requested for the term "guide dog". There are a total of 160 incidents that include the term "guide dog" however, after reviewing these records there are none that relate to 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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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