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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0612

On 25/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. In the last 3 years, how many offences/alleged offences has the force logged where TikTok was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Between April 6 - April 5 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24]

1a) What were the nature of offences for 2023/24 only?

1b) What police action was taken for offences in 2023/24 only?

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.

I can confirm a search has been conducted of our Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 06/04/2021 – 05/04/2024 where the term "TikTok" is included in the MO of the crime. This has been broken down by offence type and outcome for the crimes recorded between 06/04/2024 and 05/04/2024 only.

1.

Year	Total
April 2021 - April 2022	34
April 2022 - April 2023	71
April 2023 - April 2024	83
Total	188

2.

Offence	Total
Threat / possession w/i -criminal damage	1
Obscene Publications etc	6
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	1
Sexual activity involving child -13	1
Sexual grooming	3
Blackmail	4
Theft from the person of another	1
Threats to Kill	1
Harassment	7
Harassment	3
Harassment	18
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment	1
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment	1
Stalking	2
Stalking	14
Stalking	3
Malicious Communications	13
Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	3
Total	83

3. Please note the below totals are for completed investigations only and therefore the numbers will not correlate to the tables above.

Outcomes	Total
Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	1
Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	6
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	20
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	13
Prosecution time limit expired	1

Investigation complete: no suspect identified	22
Action undertaken by another body/agency	3
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	2
Community Resolution	2
Total	70

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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