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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0639

On 03/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information.

Please note the information sought is in relation to present day crimes and not historical.

Violent Offences in Schools 2024/2023

1, How many alleged violent offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2024/2023?

2, How many alleged violent offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2024/2023?

3, How many of those alleged violent offences (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2024/2023?

Violent Offences in Schools 2023/2022

4, How many alleged violent offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2023/2022?

5, How many alleged violent offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2023/2022?

6, How many of those alleged violent offences (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2023/2022?

Violent Offences in Schools 2022/2021

7, How many alleged violent offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2022/2021?

8, How many alleged violent offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2022/2021?

9, How many of those alleged violent offences (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2022/2021?

An email was received on 03/07/2024 with an amendment to your request: Apologies please see the amended version to include possession of weapons offences as well as Violent crimes...

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information.

Please note the information sought is in relation to present day crimes and not historical.

Violent and possession of weapons offences in Schools 2024/2023

1, How many alleged violent offences, and those of possession of weapons (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2024/2023?

2, How many alleged violent offences and those of possession of weapons (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2024/2023?

3, How many of those alleged violent offences and those of possession of weapons (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2024/2023?

Violent Offences and possession of weapons offences in Schools 2023/2022

4, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2023/2022?

5, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2023/2022?

6, How many of those alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2023/2022?

Violent Offences and possession of weapons offences in Schools 2022/2021

7, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in 2022/2021?

8, How many alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the victim was aged 18 and under 2022/2021?

9, How many of those alleged violent offences and possession of weapons offences (Including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises in which the perpetrator was aged 18 and under 2022/2021?

NB

Possession of Weapons contains the following classifications:

10A Possession of Firearms with Intent

10B Possession of Firearms Offences

10C Possession of Other Weapons

10D Possession of Article with Blade or Point

81 Other Firearms, Knives and Offensive Weapon Offences

On the 04/07/2024 a further email was received with further amendments to the request:

As per my amended FOI I am also told these Home Office codes are also helpful if you are not aware of them already.

Thank you for your continuing support.

08/27 - Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises

- 08/28 - Possession of offensive weapon on school/further education premises other than with a blade

- 08/62 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises

- 08/63 - Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises

On the 08/07/2024 a clarification email was sent with the following:

Thank you for providing us with the following offences.

I have located other offences where they might have been used at the time of the recording and have used the MO codes of School and/or College/University, please see the below offences:

08/26 - Having an article with a blade or point in a public place

08/64 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place

08/11 - Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse

08/61 - Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place

008/76 - Threaten a person with an offensive weapon/substance in a private place

197/21 - Possession of an offensive weapon in a private place

Please are you able to confirm whether a search of the above offences would help and aid your request as well as the offences you have provided to us?

A response to the clarification was received on 12/07/2024 confirming the following:

Yes thank you - please amend also to these offences.

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.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search of the crime recording system has been conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2024 a filter has been applied for the following offences and offence categories of:

08/26 - Having an article with a blade or point in a public place
08/64 - Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place
08/11 - Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse
08/61 - Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place
008/76 - Threaten a person with an offensive weapon/substance in a private place
197/21 - Possession of an offensive weapon in a private place

10A Possession of Firearms with Intent
10B Possession of Firearms Offences
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10D Possession of Article with Blade or Point
81 Other Firearms, Knives and Offensive Weapon Offences

The above offences has a MO code of 171 – Education.

A further search has been conducted for the following offences of:

08/27 – having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises
08/28 – possession of offensive weapon on school/further education premises other than with a blade
08/62 – threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises
08/63 – threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises

A further search has been applied for the all substantiated crimes recorded with offences under the offence group of Violence against the person.

A filter has been applied for all crimes with a knife crime tag or firearms tag where the MO code of 171 – Education was present.

A further filter has been applied for all the victims and offenders associated with the above crimes where they were aged 18 or under at the crimes of the offence.

The results are as follows:

In a consolidated response please see the below tables for the violent offences and possession of weapons crimes on a school premises between 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2024 and the age groups of the victim and offenders where it is recorded that they were aged 18 and under at time of the offence:

offence	Year			total
	21/22	22/23	23/24	
Possession of Article with Blade or Point	15	12	14	41

Possession of Other Weapons	2	4	1	7
Possession of Weapons with Intent	0	1	1	2
Sexual activity involving child -13	0	0	1	1
Assault w/o Injury	96	156	105	357
Assault with injury	128	161	122	411
Assault with Injury on a Constable	1	1	7	9
Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm	2	1	0	3
Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	4	3	0	7
Cruelty to Children/Young Persons	11	57	50	118
Endangering Life	0	0	2	2
Harassment	43	67	58	168
Kidnapping	0	0	1	1
Malicious Communications	28	56	11	95
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault with injury	4	1	1	6
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Assault w/o Injury	4	1	1	6
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment	2	4	6	12
Stalking	7	13	10	30
Threats to Kill	5	4	13	22
Total	352	542	404	1298

Age Groups of Victim and Offender	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Offender	8	10	30	2	50
10 - 15	6	8	25	1	40
16 - 18	2	2	5	1	10
Victim	117	313	316	66	812
1 - 9	14	57	61	11	143
10 - 15	87	208	226	49	570
16 - 18	16	48	29	6	99
Total	125	323	346	68	862

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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