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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0661

On 12/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Dear Gloucestershire Constabulary,

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If any information is unavailable, exempt, or beyond time/cost limits, please disregard these and provide the rest.

1. The total number of car thefts reported in all car parks (public and private) within your police force area for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023).
2. The total number of car thefts reported in airport car parks within your police force area for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023), if applicable. This includes any private and public car parks that are predominantly used for long-stay and short-stay airport parking.
3. The total number of car thefts reported in train station car parks within your police force area for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023), if applicable. This includes any private and public car parks that are predominantly used for train station parking.
4. If possible, a breakdown of the make and model of all car thefts for the three above requests for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023).

When referring to car theft, I mean offences of taking a motor vehicle without consent under Section 12 of the Theft Act 1968 (outlined here: [Theft Act Offences | The Crown Prosecution Service \(cps.gov.uk\)](https://www.cps.gov.uk/theft-act-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 for the offence of 130/01 – Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023, whereby there is a MO tag of 135 – Car Park. Where recorded the make and models of the stolen vehicles have been included. The results are as follows:

1. 9
2. Zero (0)
3. Zero (0)
4. In a consolidated response the breakdown of the make and models of the stolen vehicles, where it is recorded from 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023

Make	Model
Other Motorcycle	Other
Mitsubishi/colt	Shogun
Renault	Clio
Ford	Fiesta
Vauxhall	Corsa
Land Rover	Defender
Volkswagen	Polo

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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Gloucestershire Constabulary