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Our reference: FOI_24_0707

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0707

On 26/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of arson investigations involving fires at public houses (pubs) for the following periods:

July 26 2019 – July 26 2020

July 26 2020 – July 26 2021

July 26 2021 – July 26 2022

July 26 2022 – July 26 2023

July 26 2023 – July 26 2024

Please include pubs that are both closed and open or unknown.

Please do not refer me to previous FOI requests as I'm compiling a national list, and the response need to be to the same questions.

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, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System substantiated crimes recorded between 26/07/2019 – 26/07/2024 where the offence is listed as Arson endangering life and Arson not endangering life.

A filter has been applied to the results for crimes with an MO code of 266 – Public House. A manual review has been conducted of the results to determine whether the location and where the crime occurred in the premises or near the premises.

The results are as follows:

Date range	Total
26/07/2019 to 26/07/2020	1
27/07/2021 to 26/07/2022	1
27/07/2022 to 26/07/2023	3
Total	5

Information whether the pubs are closed, open or unknown is not recorded by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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