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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0719

On 29/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you provide the following information, broken down by financial year for 2023-24, 2022-23, and 2021-22:

- The number of strip searches carried out by police.
 - o Of these, how many were carried out on someone 10-17 years old?
 - o Of these, how many were carried out on someone under-10 years old?
- The number of police complaints received about a police strip search.

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.

The table below denotes the total number of strip searches carried out, broken down by financial year;

Financial Year	Total
2021-22	123
2022-23	204
2023-24	236
Total	563

Of those above, the below table identifies the number of searches carried out on persons aged 10-17yrs, broken down by financial year:

Financial Year	Total
2021-22	4
2022-23	4
2023-24	14
Total	22

There were no searches carried out on persons aged under 10yrs.

With regards to the number of complaints related to strip searches, the total has been broken down by financial year in the table below;

Financial Year	Total
2021-22	3
2022-23	2
2023-24	0
Total	5

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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