



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0720

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Date: 14/08/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0720

On 01/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- i) I would like to know about the total number of cases of livestock theft reported in the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (the latest available). Please could these cases be provided with a yearly breakdown in spreadsheet format.
- ii) Of the above cases, please could you tell me how many involved the theft of sheep. If this is not possible, alternatively could you provide the number of these theft cases where a keyword search of 'sheep' is conducted. Could these results also be provided with a yearly breakdown in a separate column.
- iii) Please could you tell me how many cases of livestock theft (of any kind) resulted in a criminal conviction, also with a yearly breakdown. PLEASE DISREGARD (iii) if this would exceed the cost/time threshold of the FOI Act.

On 06/08/2024 we asked you to clarify your request. We confirmed that we do not have a specific category relating to livestock however, we do have some animals that could be considered livestock that are listed as property items. We provided you with the list and you confirmed you wanted us to do a search on the below:

Sheep
Cattle
Pig

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 Crime recording system between the dates of 01/01/2019 and 31/07/2024 for crimes involving the property items of “sheep” “cattle” or “pig” where they have a status of stolen or recovered.

1.

Dates	Total
2019	2
2020	2
2021	3
2022	1
2023	0
2024	0

2. 4 of the above crimes had the term “sheep” in the property field.
3. None of the above crimes resulted in a criminal conviction.

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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