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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0733**

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

**REQUEST 1:**

What would you like to know?: For every calendar year from 2011 to 2024, could you please confirm the total number of officers in the fraud squad in your Constabulary?

**REQUEST 2:**

What would you like to know?: Could you please confirm the total salary expense for officers in the fraud squad of your Constabulary, for every calendar year from 2011 to 2024?

**REQUEST 3:**

What would you like to know?: Could you please confirm the total salary expense for officers in your Constabulary, for every calendar year from 2011 to 2024?

**REQUEST 4:**

What would you like to know?: Could you please confirm how many individuals in your Constabulary have been sentenced for crimes relating to fraud, and the length of the sentence they received, for every calendar year from 2011 to 2024?

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.

For questions 1-3 we don't have a specific 'Fraud Squad' as such, we have gathered information on officers who have worked within this area of expertise. The data we have within our systems is pulled off in financial years rather than calendar years, so we hope that this will suffice.

| <b>Tax year</b> | <b>Total number of Fraud Officers in calendar year</b> | <b>Total Salary and Overtime paid to Fraud Officers in the tax year (Includes pension contributions and National Insurance and overtime) £'000</b> | <b>Total Salary and Overtime paid to Officers in the tax year (Includes pension contributions and National Insurance and overtime) £'000</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2011/12         | 2                                                      | 128                                                                                                                                                | 65946                                                                                                                                        |
| 2012/13         | 2                                                      | 128                                                                                                                                                | 64694                                                                                                                                        |
| 2013/14         | 2                                                      | 130                                                                                                                                                | 63787                                                                                                                                        |
| 2014/15         | 2                                                      | 131                                                                                                                                                | 62381                                                                                                                                        |
| 2015/16         | 2                                                      | 126                                                                                                                                                | 60362                                                                                                                                        |
| 2016/17         | 2                                                      | 125                                                                                                                                                | 60675                                                                                                                                        |
| 2017/18         | 2                                                      | 133                                                                                                                                                | 61423                                                                                                                                        |
| 2018/19         | 2                                                      | 134                                                                                                                                                | 61042                                                                                                                                        |
| 2019/20         | 2                                                      | 138                                                                                                                                                | 65950                                                                                                                                        |
| 2020/21         | 2                                                      | 146                                                                                                                                                | 71367                                                                                                                                        |
| 2021/22         | 2                                                      | 152                                                                                                                                                | 72569                                                                                                                                        |
| 2022/23         | 2                                                      | 157                                                                                                                                                | 75948                                                                                                                                        |
| 2023/24         | 2                                                      | 168                                                                                                                                                | 82103                                                                                                                                        |
| 2024/25         | 2                                                      | 80                                                                                                                                                 | 43294                                                                                                                                        |

4. Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

[www.justice.gov.uk/](http://www.justice.gov.uk/)

We can provide you with the total amount of Fraud offences that resulted in a charge / summons.

I can confirm a search has been conducted of the Crime Recording system for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2011 and 31/07/2024 that had an outcome of Charged/Summons for the below offences:

053/40 - Fraud by False Representation  
053/41 - Fraud by failing to disclose information  
053/42 - Fraud by Abuse of Position  
053/43 - Possess/control article(s) for use in fraud(s)  
053/44 - Making or supplying articles for use in frauds  
053/45 - Fraudulent Trading by Sole Trader  
053/46 - Obtaining services dishonestly  
053/57 - Dishonestly sub-let / part with possession of dwelling house let under secure or an assured tenancy in breach of a term of the tenancy

| Year         | Home Office<br>outcome<br>Charged/Summons |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2011         | 102                                       |
| 2012         | 146                                       |
| 2013         | 185                                       |
| 2014         | 116                                       |
| 2015         | 85                                        |
| 2016         | 127                                       |
| 2017         | 106                                       |
| 2018         | 61                                        |
| 2019         | 67                                        |
| 2020         | 47                                        |
| 2021         | 11                                        |
| 2022         | 2                                         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1055</b>                               |

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely,

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