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Our reference: FOI_24_0753

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0753

On 14/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1) How many charges for Murder were given in your forces area over the previous years stated below, starting from 2018

2023
2022
2021
2020
2019
2018

Please split this data up by the number of charges for each year. If this is not possible, could you please provide this information as a total over the previous years listed above. Please provide this information in spreadsheet format (CSV or XLS).

2) Within your forces area, could you provide a breakdown of the areas that have the most murder charges.

This does not need to be broken down by postcode, towns would be sufficient for this

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 our Crime recording system for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2023 for the below offences

001/01- Murder of persons aged 1 yr or over and

001/02 - Murder of persons under 1yr of age

This has been broken down by how many resulted in a charged / summons outcome and by Local Policing Area (LPA). Please see the below uncorrelated tables for a breakdown.

1)

Year	Total
2018	5
2019	2
2020	1
2021	5
2022	5
2023	5
Total	23

2)

LPA	Total
Cheltenham LPA	3
Cotswolds LPA	3
Forest LPA	3
Gloucester LPA	10
Stroud LPA	3
Tewkesbury LPA	1
Total	23

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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