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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_24\_0820**

On 06/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you from the Independent with a Freedom of Information request.

The request relates to the time period June 2021 until June 2024.

How many people were arrested for having possession of a controlled drug (without intent to supply), including:

Class A - Powder Cocaine; Amphetamine

Class B - Cannabis and cannabis resin / Cannabinol / Cannabinol derivatives

Please categorise as follows:

People Proceeded Against for the Home Office Classification Code above broken down by Ethnic Appearance.

If the cost for this research is deemed too high, please reduce the time period to June 2022 until June 2024.

You then amended the request with:

I am looking for the number of people proceeded against for having possession of the three controlled drugs listed in the email.

I am not looking for the number of people arrested.

I am also looking for a breakdown of the statistics based on ethnic appearance.

A further clarification was then received:

There is one more clarification/thing I need to add to the request.

Please can you break it down the figures by proceedings type.

As a reference, please see the table below - it is very similar to what I am looking for.

The only difference between what I need and the table below, is the time period and the drugs involved.

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 that were closed between the time period of 01/06/2021 and 31/05/2024 for the following offences:

092/50 - Having possession of a controlled drug – Cocaine

092/60 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Amphetamine

092/61 - Having possession of a controlled drug – cannabis

This has been broken down by outcomes and ethnicities.

| Possess cocaine class A       | Total      |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>1 - Charged/Summons</b>    | <b>119</b> |
| Any Other Asian Background    | 2          |
| Any Other Black Background    | 3          |
| Any Other Ethnic Group        | 3          |
| Any Other White Background    | 4          |
| Black African                 | 1          |
| Black Caribbean               | 2          |
| British                       | 94         |
| Irish                         | 2          |
| Mixed White / Black Caribbean | 2          |
| Not Stated - Called Away      | 2          |

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|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Unknown                                     | 4          |
| <b>10 - Not in public interest (Police)</b> | <b>1</b>   |
| Black Caribbean                             | 1          |
| <b>3 - Adult Caution</b>                    | <b>80</b>  |
| Any Other Asian Background                  | 1          |
| Any Other Black Background                  | 1          |
| Any Other White Background                  | 4          |
| Arab                                        | 1          |
| Bangladeshi                                 | 1          |
| British                                     | 63         |
| Irish                                       | 1          |
| Not Stated - Called Away                    | 3          |
| Unknown                                     | 5          |
| <b>5 - Offender died</b>                    | <b>1</b>   |
| British                                     | 1          |
| <b>8 - Community Resolution</b>             | <b>15</b>  |
| Any Other White Background                  | 2          |
| British                                     | 12         |
| Unknown                                     | 1          |
| <b>UNKNOWN</b>                              | <b>1</b>   |
| British                                     | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>217</b> |

| <b>Possess amphetamine class B</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>1 - Charged/Summons</b>         | <b>14</b>    |
| Any Other White Background         | 2            |
| British                            | 9            |
| Not Stated - Called Away           | 2            |
| Pakistani                          | 1            |
| <b>3 - Adult Caution</b>           | <b>2</b>     |
| Any Other White Background         | 1            |
| British                            | 1            |
| <b>8 - Community Resolution</b>    | <b>5</b>     |
| Any Other White Background         | 1            |
| British                            | 4            |

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|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>21</b> |
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| <b>Possess cannabis class B</b>                                                       | <b>Total</b> |
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| <b>1 - Charged/Summons</b>                                                            | <b>382</b>   |
| Any Other Asian Background                                                            | 3            |
| Any Other Black Background                                                            | 11           |
| Any Other Ethnic Group                                                                | 4            |
| Any Other Mixed Background                                                            | 4            |
| Any Other White Background                                                            | 16           |
| Bangladeshi                                                                           | 1            |
| Black African                                                                         | 5            |
| Black Caribbean                                                                       | 14           |
| British                                                                               | 283          |
| Indian                                                                                | 2            |
| Irish                                                                                 | 3            |
| Mixed White / Black African                                                           | 2            |
| Mixed White / Black Caribbean                                                         | 16           |
| Not Stated - Called Away                                                              | 2            |
| Pakistani                                                                             | 3            |
| Unknown                                                                               | 13           |
| <b>10 - Not in public interest (Police)</b>                                           | <b>7</b>     |
| Any Other Black Background                                                            | 1            |
| Any Other White Background                                                            | 1            |
| British                                                                               | 4            |
| Not Stated - Called Away                                                              | 1            |
| <b>2 - Youth Caution</b>                                                              | <b>3</b>     |
| British                                                                               | 3            |
| <b>20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency</b>                                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Black Caribbean                                                                       | 1            |
| <b>21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest</b> | <b>1</b>     |
| British                                                                               | 1            |
| <b>22 - Diversionary</b>                                                              | <b>2</b>     |
| British                                                                               | 2            |
| <b>3 - Adult Caution</b>                                                              | <b>48</b>    |

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| Any Other Black Background             | 1          |
| Any Other White Background             | 3          |
| British                                | 41         |
| Not Stated - Called Away               | 1          |
| Unknown                                | 2          |
| <b>6 - Penalty Notice for Disorder</b> | <b>7</b>   |
| British                                | 6          |
| Mixed White / Black Caribbean          | 1          |
| <b>7 - Cannabis/Khat Warning</b>       | <b>117</b> |
| Any Other Black Background             | 2          |
| Any Other Ethnic Group                 | 1          |
| Any Other White Background             | 7          |
| Black African                          | 1          |
| Black Caribbean                        | 2          |
| British                                | 84         |
| Indian                                 | 2          |
| Mixed White / Black African            | 1          |
| Mixed White / Black Caribbean          | 2          |
| Not Stated - Called Away               | 2          |
| Pakistani                              | 1          |
| Unknown                                | 12         |
| <b>8 - Community Resolution</b>        | <b>675</b> |
| Any Other Asian Background             | 8          |
| Any Other Black Background             | 12         |
| Any Other Ethnic Group                 | 6          |
| Any Other Mixed Background             | 5          |
| Any Other White Background             | 37         |
| Arab                                   | 1          |
| Black African                          | 8          |
| Black Caribbean                        | 12         |
| British                                | 473        |
| Indian                                 | 4          |
| Irish                                  | 2          |
| Mixed White / Asian                    | 2          |

|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mixed White / Black African             | 2           |
| Mixed White / Black Caribbean           | 11          |
| Not Stated - Called Away                | 36          |
| Pakistani                               | 3           |
| Unknown                                 | 53          |
| <b>9 - Not in public interest (CPS)</b> | <b>1</b>    |
| Any Other White Background              | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>1244</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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Gloucestershire Constabulary