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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0835

On 11/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Can you share the total number of unidentified flying object (UFO) or unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) sightings reported between April 2014 and April 2024?

Please provide the date and location of all reports with the keywords 'UFO', 'UAP', 'aliens', 'extra-terrestrial', 'lights in sky' or 'spaceship'. Please also share the description or summary logged for each report.

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.

A search of the Incident recording system has been conducted to identify all records held from 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2024. Please note that the Incident Recording System is largely a free text entry system and does not record information in as much detail as other systems therefore its reporting function is limited.

A filter has been applied to the search results to identify those where the following terms were recorded:

- UFO
- UAP
- aliens
- extra-terrestrial
- lights in the sky
- spaceship

The results were then manually reviewed for relevance to your request. Records where the terms “UFO” and “UAP form part of a vehicle registration number, or where any of the words form part of a Whar3Words location have been removed.

The remaining relevant results are below. Please note that uncorrelated tables have been provided to reduce the risk of the identification of individuals.

Month/Year	Total
Apr2019	1
May2019	1
Aug2019	1
Mar2020	1
Apr2020	2
May2020	1
Sep2020	1
Apr2021	1

Description	Total
CONCERN FOR WELFARE *LIGHTS IN THE SKY	1
MENTAL HEALTH *UFO *ALIENS	2
SUSP CIRC/VEH OR PERSON *LIGHTS IN THE SKY *STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY *SOMETHING IN THE SKY *UFO	6

Local Policing Area	Total
Cheltenham LPA	1
Cotswolds LPA	2
Forest LPA	1

Stroud LPA	2
Tewkesbury LPA	2
Unclassified LPA	1

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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