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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0837

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

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to ask the following:

1. In the financial years, 2021/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 (Up to 10.09.24), how many instances of knife possession offences by women has been recorded by your force recorded? Please provide a breakdown by financial year.
2. For the same financial years, how many of these women found to have committed a knife possession offence were under the age of 18? Please provide a breakdown by financial year.
3. Please detail the youngest to have committed a knife possession offence in each financial year.

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 that a search has been conducted for Crimes recorded from 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2024, whereby the offence recorded was under the offence category of 10D Possession of Article with Blade or Point:

- 008/26 Having an article with a blade or point in a public place
- 008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises
- 008/62 Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises
- 008/64 Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place
- 008/76 Threaten a person with an article in a private place

This search has been filtered for those crimes whereby the offender was recorded as female.

The results, broken down by age of the offenders, are as follows:

Age	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
14	2				2
15				1	1
16	1		2		3
17			1		1
19	2				2
22			1		1
23			1		1
24	1	1			2
25			1		1
27	1				1
31	1				1
32	1				1
33			2		2
34		1	1		2
37			1		1
38		1			1
44			1		1
50		1			1
52			2	1	3
Total	9	4	13	2	28

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary