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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0850

On 17/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide the following data for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007:

1. For females aged 10-30 who were reported missing, please include their name, age, date reported missing, and date found (or "not found" if still missing). Indicate whether the individual is dead or alive, the location where they were reported missing (approximate area is fine), the location where they were found (approximate area is fine), and the distance from the Forest of Dean (approximate is fine).
2. For females aged 10-30 who were murdered, please provide their name, age, date of death (if known), date the body was found (if known), location where the body was found (approximate area is fine), cause of death, and the distance from the Forest of Dean (approximate is fine).
3. For human remains cases of females ages 10-30, please provide the name (if known), age (if known), estimated year of death (between 2004 and 2007), date the remains were found, location where the remains were found (approximate area is fine), and the distance from the Forest of Dean (approximate is fine). For this, the remains can be found up until 2024, but the death must have been estimated to have occurred between 2004-2007.

Please also provide suspect data for all of the above if relevant: include their name, age, and relationship to the victim (or note if unknown or if the suspect is a stranger).

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.

1. The Missing Person Database has been searched for any records of females being reported between 01/01/2004 and 31/12/2007 whereby the female was aged 10-30 years at the time they were reported missing.

The results (per episode rather than per person) are as follows:

Number of Missing Episodes and the corresponding ages of the females who were reported missing:

Ages	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
10		3	2		5
11		1	2	3	6
12			2	1	3
13	5	14	1	14	34
14	1	39	57	9	106
15	5	15	77	33	130
16	2	4	6	23	35
17		1	2	3	6
18			10		10
19		2			2
20	1	2		7	10
21		1	7	1	9
22		1	1		2
24		1	2	6	9
26	1	2	2		5
27		3		2	5
28		2			2
29			1	3	4
Total	15	91	172	105	383

Number of Missing Episodes and the corresponding areas they were reported missing from:

Areas reported missing from	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Cheltenham: North District	6	5	8	10	29
Cheltenham: South District		2	12	8	22
Cotswolds: Cotswold		3	4	13	20
Forest: Forest of Dean	2	16	17	3	38
Gloucester: City	3	26	65	35	129

Gloucester: District	1	28	38	1	68
OTHER: Other			2		2
Stroud: Dursley & District			1	6	7
Stroud: Stroud & District	3	4	17	21	45
Tewkesbury: Tewkesbury & Dist.		7	8	8	23
Total	15	91	172	105	383

Of these, the following number were located in the same area they were reported missing from:

Found in same area?	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Y	11	79	138	90	318
N	4	12	34	15	65
Total	15	91	172	105	383

The Constabulary does not hold information regarding the distance of locations to the Forest of Dean.

I can confirm that none of the missing females were found deceased.

To provide any further information or any further breakdown of the information would like identify individuals.

To provide any further information relating to the missing person episodes of females aged 10-30 who went missing between 01/01/2004 and 31/12/2007, including their names, the specific dates they were reported missing and subsequently found and the specific locations involved, would either directly identify the individual or be likely to identify them and therefore this information is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Consideration has to be made regarding any information that is already known to members of the public and/or in the public domain that combined with information disclosed under the FOI legislation could identify individuals. Therefore, although there is a legitimate interest in disclosing information surrounding missing persons, any such disclosure cannot override the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the individuals involved.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of the information detailed above, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained with the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the

first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

2. and 3. I can confirm that a search has been conducted for crimes recorded from 01/01/2004 to 31/12/2007 whereby the offence was recorded as Murder and the victim was a female aged 10-30 at the time of the offence. The result was Zero.

A further search was conducted where the committed from and to dates of any crimes recorded whereby the offence was murder came within the date range of 01/01/2004 to 31/12/2007, the victim was female aged between 10 and 30 at the time of the offence, regardless of when the crime was recorded. Again, the result was Zero.

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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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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