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Our reference: FOI_24_0906

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0906

On 05/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information act 2000.

Please can you provide me with the number of shoplifting incidents at Boots (the chemist) reported to your force in:

- 2024 (year to August)
- 2023
- 2022

- If possible, please break down incidents by calendar month.
- If possible, please provide details of goods stolen e.g hair products.

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.

Following receipt of your request, initial searches of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2022 – 31/08/2024 where the offence is recorded as 'Theft from shops and stalls'. A filter has then been applied to identify records where the location contained the term 'Boots'.

The results are as follows:

Month and Year	Total
2022	
Jan	5
Feb	13
Mar	19
Apr	21
May	21
Jun	14
Jul	12
Aug	3
Sep	7
Oct	5
Nov	5
Dec	2
2023	
Jan	6
Feb	11
Mar	14
Apr	7
May	9
Jun	6
Jul	6
Aug	8
Sep	7
Oct	5
Nov	2
Dec	10
2024	
Jan	7

Feb	14
Mar	10
Apr	20
May	14
Jun	6
Jul	7
Aug	2
Total	298

Please note that the statistics provided are restricted by the fact that Property Items are only recorded against Crime Records where the item has a unique identifier.

Property Item	Total
cosmetics / toiletries	3
cosmetics / toiletries perfume / after shave	2
eyewear/equipment spectacles / sunglasses	1
office / comms computer tablet	1
other	1
Total	8

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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