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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0944

On 18/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the FOI Act please could you provide me with a list of criminal complaints made since the beginning of 2020 about behaviour on the following platforms: Roblox, TikTok, OnlyFans, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, Snapchat, Whatsapp, LinkedIn, YouTube and WhatsApp.

Please could you provide details/a categorisation of the alleged offence (e.g. harassment, sexual grooming, etc.), the month of the alleged offence, the age of the crime's victim, and the status of the case (i.e. arrest, arrest no charge, arrest and charge, no arrest, etc.) as of today.

On the 17/10/2024 we received clarification:

"I sent this widely to several police forces and have received some requests for clarifications. I thought it would be helpful to amend the request as below (please let me know if any other questions arise from this):

For the time period : 2020 to current date (calendar years).

Please provide a keyword search for crimes (reported crimes and incidents) with the following keywords:

Roblox

TikTok

OnlyFans,

Facebook,

Instagram,

Twitter

X

Snapchat,

Whatsapp,
LinkedIn,
YouTube
WhatsApp.

For each keyword please provide on separate tables:

Crime title

Age of victim

Outcome of the crime (arrest, charge, found guilty at court, not guilty, etc.)

Month of the crime”

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 recorded between 01/01/2020 and 18/10/2024 whereby the following keywords: Roblox, TikTok, Only fans, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, and YouTube have been mentioned in the MO of the crime. If the keyword was not mentioned in the MO, then it will not be included in the totals. This has been broken down in the tables below by month, offence, Home Office outcome and victim age per each search term.

Please note that the search for “X” has not been provided as there are too many variables of the term “X”.

Roblox

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Mar		1				1
May		1				1
Jun				1	1	2
Jul	1					1
Aug			1			1
Nov		2				2
Dec				1		1
Total	1	4	1	2	1	9

Offence	Total
Miscellaneous crimes against society	3
Sexual offences	3
Violence against the person	3
Total	9

Home Office Outcome	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	1
11 - Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	2
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	1
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	4
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	1
Total	9

Age	Total
0-10	1
11-17	5
Not recorded	3
Total	9

Tiktok

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan		1	2	2	3	8
Feb	1	2	4	8	5	20
Mar		2	7	10	8	27
Apr		2	5	1	5	13
May	1	3	7	2	6	19
Jun		1	5	4	5	15
Jul		1	7	3	4	15
Aug		1	4	4	3	12
Sep			2	9	12	23
Oct	4		3	7	3	17

Nov		3	3	5		11
Dec		1	1	7		9
Total	6	17	50	62	54	189

Offence	Total
Arson and criminal damage	1
Miscellaneous crimes against society	15
Public Order	8
Sexual offences	5
Theft	10
Violence against the person	150
Total	189

Home Office Outcome	Total
11 - Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	3
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	19
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	51
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	43
17 - Prosecution time limit expired	1
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	47
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	5
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	6
8 - Community Resolution	4
Not Recorded	10
Total	189

Age	Total
0-10	3
11-17.	57
18-34	71
35-49	24
50-64	7
65+	1
Not Recorded	26

Total	189
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Only fans

Year	Total
2021	2
Total	2

Offence	Total
Violence against the person	2
Total	2

Home Office Outcome	Total
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	2
Total	2

Age	Total
18-34	2
Total	2

Facebook

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	58	52	51	35	48	244
Feb	52	50	37	40	40	219
Mar	54	46	67	52	36	255
Apr	55	51	67	34	29	236
May	57	55	46	37	29	224
Jun	79	47	42	50	33	251
Jul	67	50	63	38	41	259
Aug	36	65	54	44	34	233
Sep	54	50	58	35	29	226
Oct	40	75	54	42	12	223
Nov	45	52	52	47		196
Dec	64	47	41	33		185
Total	661	640	632	487	331	2751

Offence	Total
Arson and criminal damage	9
Burglary	8
Fraud	85
Miscellaneous crimes against society	97
Public Order	90
Robbery	3
Sexual offences	47
Theft	229
Vehicle offences	11
Violence against the person	2172
Total	2751

Home Office Outcome	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	117
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	7
13 - Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	195
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	565
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	1186
17 - Prosecution time limit expired	6
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	496
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	13
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	45
3 - Adult Caution	12
8 - Community Resolution	39
9 - Not in public interest (CPS)	1
Not Recorded	68
Total	2751

Age	Total
0-10	4
11-17.	162
18-34	1266
35-49	725
50-64	307
65+	63
Not Recorded	224
Total	2751

Instagram

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	17	24	28	18	12	99
Feb	16	16	15	22	11	80
Mar	16	17	15	17	16	81
Apr	20	22	17	15	14	88
May	18	21	23	19	12	93
Jun	20	20	21	19	9	89
Jul	15	11	18	18	17	79
Aug	9	17	21	26	12	85
Sep	23	13	15	13	9	73
Oct	20	22	14	17	5	78
Nov	16	13	7	15		51
Dec	10	14	6	4		34
Total	200	210	200	203	117	930

Offence	Total
Arson and criminal damage	2
Fraud	13
Miscellaneous crimes against society	101
Public Order	14
Sexual offences	66
Theft	227

Vehicle offences	1
Violence against the person	506
Total	930

Home Office Outcome	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	27
10 - Not in public interest (Police)	1
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	1
13 - Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	81
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	109
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	253
17 - Prosecution time limit expired	1
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	341
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	13
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	62
22 - Diversionary	2
3 - Adult Caution	2
8 - Community Resolution	10
Not Recorded	26
Total	930

Age	Total
0-10	3
11-17.	300
18-34	402
35-49	83
50-64	13
65+	
Not Recorded	129
Total	930

Twitter

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	1	2		1	1	5
Feb	1		2			3
Mar	4		2	3	1	10
Apr		2	4	2		8
May		2	2		1	5
Jun	3	1		3	2	9
Jul	1		1	4	2	8
Aug	2		2	3	1	8
Sep		2	1			3
Oct			1	1		2
Nov	2		1			3
Dec	3	1	3	2		9
Total	17	10	19	19	8	73

Offence	Total
Miscellaneous crimes against society	14
Public Order	2
Sexual offences	3
Theft	6
Violence against the person	48
Total	73

Home Office Outcome	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	5
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	3
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	9
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	19
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	24
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	8
3 - Adult Caution	1

8 - Community Resolution	1
Not Recorded	2
Total	73

Age	Total
0-10	0
11-17.	2
18-34	19
35-49	23
50-64	10
65+	1
Not Recorded	18
Total	73

Snapchat

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	16	16	24	38	25	119
Feb	10	13	22	37	29	111
Mar	12	19	21	32	19	103
Apr	13	18	17	36	27	111
May	9	30	44	30	32	145
Jun	9	24	40	33	20	126
Jul	6	15	40	26	18	105
Aug	18	26	25	23	18	110
Sep	23	11	28	21	31	114
Oct	23	19	20	30	13	105
Nov	16	16	30	17		79
Dec	22	19	25	12		78
Total	177	226	336	335	232	1306

Offence	Total
Arson and criminal damage	2
Drug offences	4
Fraud	11

Miscellaneous crimes against society	267
Possession of weapons	1
Public Order	27
Sexual offences	175
Theft	125
Violence against the person	694
Grand Total	1306

Home Office Outcome	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	61
10 - Not in public interest (Police)	1
11 - Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	1
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	2
13 - Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	81
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	175
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	421
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	309
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	23
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	142
22 - Diversionary	7
3 - Adult Caution	4
8 - Community Resolution	25
Not Recorded	53
Total	1306

Age	Total
0-10	35
11-17.	570
18-34	353
35-49	32
50-64	3
65+	1
Not Recorded	312

Total	1306
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Whatsapp

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	4	14	16	9	16	59
Feb	11	10	4	13	9	47
Mar	6	13	14	8	15	56
Apr	3	13	16	14	16	62
May	7	8	16	7	8	46
Jun	13	4	11	6	13	47
Jul	5	6	16	10	14	51
Aug	7	7	16	10	9	49
Sep	4	16	11	11	12	54
Oct	5	7	15	16	4	47
Nov	12	7	7	12		38
Dec	11	13	12	8		44
Total	88	118	154	124	116	600

Offence	Total
Drug offences	1
Fraud	6
Miscellaneous crimes against society	30
Public Order	16
Sexual offences	31
Theft	41
Vehicle offences	1
Violence against the person	474
Total	600

Home Office Outcome	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	30
11 - Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	1
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	1

13 - Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	27
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	121
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	255
17 - Prosecution time limit expired	2
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	99
2 - Youth Caution	1
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	8
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	15
3 - Adult Caution	4
8 - Community Resolution	14
Not Recorded	21
Total	600

Age	Total
0-10	10
11-17.	81
18-34	197
35-49	161
50-64	78
65+	9
Not Recorded	64
Total	600

Linked in

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	1				2	3
Feb	1					1
Mar			2	2		4
Apr			1			1
Jun				1	2	3
Jul					1	1
Aug			2			2
Sep		2				2

Oct		2				2
Nov				1		1
Dec				1		1
Total	2	4	5	5	5	21

Offence	Total
Sexual offences	1
Theft	2
Violence against the person	18
Total	21

Home Office Outcome	Total
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	7
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	6
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	1
8 - Community Resolution	2
Not Recorded	5
Total	21

Age	Total
0-10	0
11-17.	0
18-34	246
35-49	309
50-64	214
65+	0
Not Recorded	0
Total	769

Youtube

Month / Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	2	1		3		6
Feb	2			1	3	6
Mar	1		2	1	2	6
Apr	2	1	2		2	7
May	3	1		2		6
Jun		1	1	2	3	7
Jul	1			2	2	5
Aug	3	1	2	1	3	10
Sep	1		1	3		5
Oct	1	1		2	1	5
Nov			1	2		3
Dec		3	2	3		8
Total	16	9	11	22	16	74

Offence	Total
Arson and criminal damage	2
Fraud	3
Miscellaneous crimes against society	24
Public Order	1
Sexual offences	2
Theft	10
Violence against the person	32
Grand Total	74

Home Office Outcome	Total
10 - Not in public interest (Police)	1
11 - Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	12
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	6
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	11
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	14
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	12
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	2

21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	13
Not Recorded	3
Total	74

Age	Total
0-10	2
11-17.	2
18-34	25
35-49	10
50-64	5
65+	1
Not Recorded	29
Total	74

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

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Yours sincerely,

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