



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0954

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Date: 11/11/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0954

On 23/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For every calendar year from 1 January 2012 to 31 July 2024 inclusive, I would like:

- The number of people arrested for the common law offence of conspiracy to cause a public nuisance
- Of these arrests, the number that resulted in a charge
- I would like this data broken down by month — I.e. January 2012, February 2012, etc.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific offences under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for the offence you have stated above. In order to ascertain if any relevant arrest information is recorded, a manual review of all records would be required. For the calendar year of 2024 to date, there have been 7,588 detentions authorised therefore a manual review would engage Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act - Cost refusal.

That being said, an alternative search for Crime data where the outcome of Charge is recorded has been carried out to identify relevant information. This data set is based on substantiated crimes, regardless of whether an initial arrest has been carried out or not.

The offence of "Conspiracy to cause public nuisance" was replaced in June 2022 with the offence of "Conspire to intentionally / recklessly cause a public nuisance", therefore searches for both offences have been conducted. Please see the tables below for the results.

Date	Conspiracy to cause public nuisance
2013	
Jun	1
2014	
Oct	1
2015	
Nov	1
2020	
Mar	1
2021	
Sep	2
Nov	1
Total	7

Date	Conspire to intentionally / recklessly cause a public nuisance
2022	
Sep	1
2023	
May	1
Jun	1
Aug	1
Dec	1
2024	
Jun	1
Total	6

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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