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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0956

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

Please can you provide me the following information broken down by the following calendar years:

2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 up until 30 September.

- 1) How many offences have been recorded by your force which have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)
- 2) A breakdown of the offences suspected to have been committed by children under the age of 10
- 3) A breakdown of the ages of suspects aged under 10 suspected of committing an offence

To be clear I am not asking for a breakdown of the age and offence together as I understand this would create a risk of identification. This information can be presented separately to avoid this.

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 01/01/2013 and 30/09/2024 whereby the age of the offender is under 10. This has been broken down by offence group and age.

1.

Year	Total
2013	33
2014	32
2015	39
2016	47
2017	33
2018	35
2019	56
2020	73
2021	102
2022	211
2023	160
2024	144
Total	965

2.

Offence Group	Total
Arson and criminal damage	127
Burglary	10
Drug offences	3
Miscellaneous crimes against society	62
Possession of weapons	21
Public Order	60
Robbery	5
Sexual offences	184
Theft	60

Vehicle offences	6
Violence against the person	427
Total	965

3. Please note there may be multiple suspects / offenders attached to one crime and therefore, the total does not correlate to tables 1 and 2.

Age	Total
0	10
1	4
2	4
3	12
4	31
5	41
6	93
7	140
8	284
9	422
Total	1041

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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