



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0970

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0970

On 28/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Between April 2022 and April 2024, how many code 17 outcomes there were in Gloucestershire police in relation to section 2a stalking charges. For research purposes I want to establish how many stalking prosecutions resulted in no further action because the 6 month time limit for a section 2a stalking charge has expired

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.

Section 2A stalking offences fall under the Home Office Offence Classification of "Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking".

In order to determine if any relevant information is held by Gloucestershire Constabulary, a search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify substantiated crime records from 01/04/2022 to 30/04/2024, where the offence listed above has been

recorded. A filter has then been applied to determine the number of records where Outcome 17 has been recorded.

This has returned a total of 5 records:

Year	Total
2022/23	2
2023/24	3

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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