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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0974

On 29/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Harassment (with online/ cyber flag OR where key words "online gaming", "online dating", "WhatsApp", "Tiktok", "Instagram", "snapchat" are used) where the victim is under 18.
2. Disclosure of private sexual photographs and videos with intent to cause distress (with a cyber flag OR where key words "online gaming", "online dating", "WhatsApp", "Tiktok", "Instagram", "snapchat" are used) where the victim is under 18.
3. Child sexual exploitation (with an online/cyber flag) where the victim is under 18.

Please provide annual figures for July 2021- July 2022, July 2022- July 2023, July 2023- July 2024. If possible please provide the age of the youngest child involved in the reported crimes above.

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.

1 A search was completed on substantiated crimes for the dates requested for any offences which fall under 'Harassment'. Of those results filters were added to include the freetext words requested and for where the victim is under 18. The total of this search was 71, of those 71 crimes the youngest child's age was 6.

Please see the table below for the annual figures broken down by month/year.

Month/Year	Total
01.07.2021 - 30.06.2022	0
01.07.2022 - 30.06.2023	20
01.07.2023 - 30.06.2024	48
01.07.2024 - 31.07.2024	3

2 A search was completed on substantiated crimes for the dates requested for the following offences;

- Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress
- Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation
- Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification

Of those results filters were added to include the freetext words requested and for where the victim is under 18. The total of this search was 3, of those 3 crimes the youngest child's age was 13.

Please see the table below for the annual figures broken down by month/year.

Month/Year	Total
01.07.2021 - 30.06.2022	1
01.07.2022 - 30.06.2023	0
01.07.2023 - 30.06.2024	0
01.07.2024 - 31.07.2024	2

3 A search was completed on substantiated crimes for the dates requested for the following offences;

- Arrange / facilitate sexual activity in the presence of a child / cause a child to watch a sexual act
- Arranging or facilitating the commission of a child sex offence - sexual assault
- Arrange / facilitate sexual activity with a child - no penetration
- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Female child under 13
- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Male child under 13
- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Female child under 16 - no penetration
- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Male child under 16 - no penetration
- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Female child under 18

- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Male child under 18
- Cause or incite the sexual exploitation of a child - Child 13 – 17
- Controlling a child subject to sexual exploitation - Child 13 – 17
- Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child - Child 13
- Cause or incite the sexual exploitation of a child - Child under 13
- Controlling a child subject to sexual exploitation - Child under 13
- Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child - Child under 13
- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Female child under 16
- Paying for the sexual services of a child - Male child under 16
- Possess a paedophile manual

Of those results filters were added to include the freetext words requested and for where the victim is under 18. The total of this search was 7, of those 7 crimes the youngest child's age was 9.

Month/Year	Total
01.07.2021 - 30.06.2022	2
01.07.2022 - 30.06.2023	0
01.07.2023 - 30.06.2024	5
01.07.2024 - 31.07.2024	0

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,

Disclosure Officer

