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Our reference: FOI_24_1008

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1008

On 12/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please can you provide figures only for Suspected VICTIM Suicides as logged and collected for the VKPP and NPCC's yearly Domestic Homicide Project report (which collects cases of Domestic Homicides and Suspected VICTIM suicides in cases of domestic abuse).

Please give me annual figures for the last three years (March 2021 till most recent available date), and only through data collected for this project so as to avoid searching generally through deaths in this timeframe.

- Of these deaths, please can you tell me their initial classification within the terms of -
 - Unexpected death - investigated and non-suspicious
 - Unexpected death - under investigation
 - Homicide

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

Please note we do not collate data for VKPP we submit data to them. I can confirm the data below is data we have submitted to them in the time period requested.

In the timeframe we have submitted 15 forms: Cases investigated as a homicide: 5
Cases considered as a suspected suicide: 7
Unexplained/investigated as homicide: 1
Unexplained: 1
Suspected suicide/Homicide investigation: 1

Due to the low numbers any further breakdown of this data would likely identify individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to any further information, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

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
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer

