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Our reference: FOI_24_1070

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1070

On 27/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you please search provide me with details of reported crimes where a search of the MO section of your crime database refers to "onlyfans" or "Only Fans". My request relates to crimes reported during the last five years from November 2019 to November 2024.

I would like to know the number of crimes reported over this period and can you please also provide me with the copies or summaries of the MO section of the incident report, with any personal data removed or redacted?

Lastly, could you tell me the outcome of each case - whether there were any arrests, prosecutions and convictions, or whether they were NFAed?

If this requests exceeds the cost limit, could you provide me with as many copies or summaries of the MO section of the incident report as you can within the time limit?

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 01/11/2019 and 31/10/2024 whereby the terms "Onlyfans" and "only fans" have been included in the MO freetext. This has been broken down by outcome.

Year	Total
2020	2
2021	5
2022	3
2023	5
2024	4
Total	19

Home Office Outcome	Total
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	2
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	5
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	4
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	5
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	1
3 - Adult Caution	1
UNKNOWN	1
Total	19

With regards to the disclosure of the MO's, due to the low numbers we would be unable to provide this part of the request. A manual review has been done and if we were to redact the information this would not leave enough of the MO to be meaningful, therefore the following exemption applies:

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.

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.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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