



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_1148

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Date: 20/01/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1148

On 30/12/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving theft from/at churches or from/at church property from January 1 2022- December 30 2024?
 - a) If possible please could you clarify how many of the thefts recorded relate to lead being taken from the church roof?
2. How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving assault (physical/violent) at churches or on church property from January 1 2022- December 30 2024?
3. How many crimes have been recorded of vandalism by your force on churches or on church property from January 1 2022- December 30 2024?

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.

A search was completed for all substantiated crimes regardless of the offence for 01/01/2022 – 30/12/2024 whereby the MO code for Church was present.

This returned a total of 85

Of those crimes 0 had the item recorded as lead being stolen.

For Q2 a search was completed on substantiated crimes for the same timeframe as Q1 for the offence of Violence without Injury with the MO code of Church.

This returned a total of 18

For Q3 a search was completed on substantiated crimes for the same timeframe as Q1 for the offence Criminal Damage with the MO code of Church.

This returned a total of 95

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
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary