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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1070

On 07/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Can I have a count by year of recorded or alleged crimes where there is evidence that one or more perpetrators have multiple identities.

I want a count to estimate of the amount of "fake" identities that might be in circulation and used in crime.

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

Following receipt of your request we have sought response from our specialist team within Gloucestershire Constabulary. We have searched for substantive recorded crimes between 01/01/2016 – 08/11/2025 and can confirm that there are 2 recorded crimes. No further breakdown has been provided by virtue of Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act, to avoid any individuals being identified or Identifiable.

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 – Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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