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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0149

On 05/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of Shoplifting offences per year broken down by outcome

1a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded.

1b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17?

1c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over?

The number of Burglary offences per year broken down by outcome

2a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded.

2b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17?

2c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over?

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

There are over 7,500 records which have no age linked to the offender, which means unfortunately data cannot be retrieved from an electronic search. To determine if information is held a manual review of the thousands of blank age records would be required and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

Section 17(5) 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.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

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

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

For questions 1A & 2B where there is an age recorded and we have been able to electronically retrieve data, there are 0 crimes where the offender is aged under 10.

Please see the table below for the remaining questions, again please note this is only for data where an age was present.

Year							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Burglary dwelling							
Age							
12	2						2
13	1			1			2
14	4	2	1	7			14
15	3			2	2		7
16	1	1	2	3	5		12
17	3	1		1	2	1	8
18	4	7	2	1	1	2	17
19	8	1		3	4	2	18

20	6	4	1	2	2	1	16
21	5	2		8	1		16
22	5	10		6		1	22
23	4	1	1		1	1	8
24	1	5	1	6	5	1	19
25	6	2	68	1	25	3	105
26	4	3	7	4	3	1	22
27	9	2		5	11		27
28	5	3	3	5	11	1	28
29	2	2	1	1	1	1	8
30	7	3		5	1	3	19
31	7	6	9	4	3		29
32	2	6	4	4	11	3	30
33		4		2	3	1	10
34	5	6	1	8	4	12	36
35	3	2	1		5	8	19
36	4	3	1	2	5	6	21
37		2	2	1	1	2	8
38	5	8	6		2	2	23
39	3	19	3	5	4	2	36
40	8	7	4	9	9		37
41	6	2	5	1			14
42	4	2	2	4	1	2	15
43	3	1	2	1	1	1	9
44	4	3	2	1	3	1	14
45	2		6		1		9
46	2	1		4	1	1	9
47	3		1	1			5
48	2			1			3
49	2	5		8			15
50	1		1		2		4
51	3	1		1	1		6
53						1	1
54					5		5

55		1					1
56		1			1	3	5
57	3			1			4
59		2		1	1	2	6
61				1			1
66						1	1
67					1		1
Burglary non dwelling							
11					4	2	6
12		2		2	5	2	11
13	2	2	1		5	2	12
14	1		3	2	1	2	9
15	3	1			1	10	15
16	3	3	1	5	3	2	17
17	7	3		1		1	12
18	2	2	1	3			8
19	4	2		3	1		10
20	4	3	3	4	2		16
21	2	1	2	7	1		13
22	1	3		4	2		10
23	1	1	1		3	1	7
24		1	1	5	2		9
25	5	2	2	4			13
26	7	2	1		6	3	19
27	3	3	5	1	13	3	28
28	3		2	2	1		8
29	5	1		2	2	4	14
30	6	1	1	1	4		13
31	7	13	4	3	4		31
32		4	10	7	1	6	28
33		2	2	10	3	2	19
34	3	5	2	1	16	1	28
35	1			5	8	10	24
36	3	2	1	2	7	1	16

37	6	6		1	2	2	17
38	7	2	3	13	5		30
39	2	5		19	7	1	34
40	6	3		2	2	2	15
41	1	2	5	3	1	1	13
42	3	5	5	4	3	1	21
43	2		1	3	2		8
44	3	3				3	9
45	3		6	1	2	4	16
46	1	2	2	1	10	6	22
47	1				4		5
48	1			1	1	3	6
49				1	1	2	4
50	2		1		5		8
52		2			1	2	5
53		2		1			3
54				1	1		2
55	2					1	3
56					1	2	3
57	1		1				2
59		1					1
68	1						1
77					1		1
Theft from shop							
10						1	1
11	1	2		3	4	1	11
12	4	3		6	7	6	26
13	3	22	2	4	10	7	48
14	7	10	3	7	8	11	46
15	4	10		7	10	14	45
16	16	7	5	5	11	5	49
17	6	18	1	5	9	8	47
18	5	21	11	4	10	12	63
19	22	19	6	14	6	5	72

20	22	19	6	7	13	6	73
21	10	28	21	8	8	5	80
22	13	6	5	16	9	7	56
23	6	22	16	6	25	6	81
24	16	1	15	16	7	13	68
25	25	10	8	34	15	10	102
26	16	17	14	7	12	16	82
27	27	23	12	10	27	20	119
28	22	33	8	13	11	29	116
29	7	22	14	15	24	39	121
30	49	20	19	24	37	12	161
31	62	48	10	28	49	48	245
32	43	38	34	26	67	86	294
33	28	49	21	57	10	29	194
34	21	39	18	16	41	19	154
35	51	15	24	21	68	52	231
36	37	25	12	21	47	42	184
37	41	24	20	29	45	37	196
38	42	24	20	45	51	18	200
39	49	45	26	30	56	67	273
40	17	22	22	27	45	66	199
41	37	10	19	13	29	24	132
42	26	28	17	12	25	40	148
43	6	25	10	4	28	31	104
44	30	23	25	6	9	42	135
45	20	9	17	16	18	36	116
46	10	6	10	11	28	29	94
47	4	7	7	10	53	44	125
48	11	4	3	10	21	21	70
49	14	6	4	3	12	13	52
50	8	3	11	4	1	14	41
51	3	3	5	3	5	6	25
52	3	1	9	24	9	6	52
53	7	2		4	13	4	30

54	5	7			10	11	33
55	6			3	5	2	16
56	6	1	2		8	1	18
57		2		1	5	8	16
58	2		1	1	1	2	7
59	2		1		3		6
60	3	2		1	10	5	21
61			1			2	3
62				1		1	2
63	1	1			1		3
64	1	4			1	1	7
65	1	1					2
67	1	1					2
68			1	1			2
69	3						3
70					3		3
71				1			1
72						1	1
74					1		1
75		1			1		2
76				1			1
78	1						1
82						1	1
Total	1150	1012	720	887	1326	1190	6285

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.

Section 16 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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