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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0930-0937

On 15/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

24_0930

1. How many open cases of honour based abuse/violence (HBA/V) is the constabulary investigating at the time of this request?
2. How many cases of HBA/V has the constabulary recorded in total in 2024 so far?
3. How many cases of HBA/V did the constabulary record in 2023?
4. How many cases of HBA/V did the constabulary record in 2022?
5. How many cases of HBA/V did the constabulary record in 2021?
6. How many cases of HBA/V did the constabulary record in 2020?
7. How many cases of HBA/V did the constabulary record in 2019?

24_0931

1. At the time of this request, how many open cases of Virginity testing and hymenoplasty does the constabulary have?
2. How many cases of Virginity testing and hymenoplasty has the constabulary recorded in 2024 so far?
3. How many Virginity testing and hymenoplasty cases did the constabulary record in 2023?
4. How many cases of Virginity testing and hymenoplasty did the constabulary record in 2022?

(Original email didn't have a question 4 and went straight to 5)

24_0932

1. At the time of this request, how many open cases of FGM does the constabulary have?
2. How many cases of FGM has the constabulary recorded in 2024 so far?
3. How many Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders (FGMPO) has the constabulary applied for in 2024 so far?
4. How many FGM cases did the constabulary record in 2023?
5. How many FGMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2023?
6. How many cases of FGM did the constabulary record in 2022?
7. How many FGMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2022?
8. How many cases of FGM did the constabulary record in 2021?
9. How many FGMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2021?
10. How many cases of FGM did the constabulary record in 2020?
11. How many FGMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2020?
12. How many cases of FGM did the constabulary record in 2019?
13. How many FGMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2019?

24_0933

1. At the time of this request, how many open cases of Forced marriage does the constabulary have?
2. How many cases of Forced Marriage has the constabulary recorded in 2024 so far?
3. How many Forced Marriage Protection Orders (FMPO) has the constabulary applied for in 2024 so far?
4. How many Forced Marriage cases did the constabulary record in 2023?
5. How many FMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2023?
6. How many cases of Forced Marriage did the constabulary record in 2022?
7. How many FMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2022?
8. How many cases of Forced Marriage did the constabulary record in 2021?
9. How many FMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2021?
10. How many cases of Forced Marriage did the constabulary record in 2020?
11. How many FMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2020?
12. How many cases of Forced Marriage did the constabulary record in 2019?
13. How many FMPOs did the constabulary apply for in 2019?

24_0934

1. At the time of this request, how many open cases of child marriage does the constabulary have?
2. How many cases of child Marriage has the constabulary recorded in 2024 so far?
3. How many child marriage cases did the constabulary record in 2023?
4. How many cases of child marriage did the constabulary record in 2022?
5. How many cases of child marriage did the constabulary record in 2021?
6. How many cases of child marriage did the constabulary record in 2020?
7. How many cases of child marriage did the constabulary record in 2019?

24_0935

1. At the time of this request, how many open cases of sex selected abortion does the constabulary have?
2. How many cases of sex selected abortion has the constabulary recorded in 2024 so far?
3. How many sex selected abortion cases did the constabulary record in 2023?

4. How many cases of sex selected abortion did the constabulary record in 2022?
5. How many cases of sex selected abortion did the constabulary record in 2021?
6. How many cases of sex selected abortion did the constabulary record in 2020?
7. How many cases of sex selected abortion did the constabulary record in 2019?

24_0936

1. At the time of this request, how many open cases of dowry related abuse does the constabulary have?
2. How many cases of dowry related abuse has the constabulary recorded in 2024 so far?
3. How many dowry related abuse cases did the constabulary record in 2023?
4. How many cases of dowry related abuse did the constabulary record in 2022?
5. How many cases of dowry related abuse did the constabulary record in 2021?
6. How many cases of dowry related abuse did the constabulary record in 2020?
7. How many cases of dowry related abuse did the constabulary record in 2019?

24_0937

1. At the time of this request, how many open cases of acid attack does the constabulary have?
2. How many cases of acid attack has the constabulary recorded in 2024 so far?
3. How many acid attack cases did the constabulary record in 2023?
4. How many cases of acid attack did the constabulary record in 2022?
5. How many cases of acid attack did the constabulary record in 2021?
6. How many cases of acid attack did the constabulary record in 2020?
7. How many cases of acid attack did the constabulary record in 2019?

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.

All of the data supplied below is correct as of 15/10/2025 (the date of your request).

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There is no specific offence of Honour Based Abuse. However, the Crime Recording System does have an Honour Based Abuse tag.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 30/09/2024 whereby an 'Honour Based Abuse tag had been included on the record.

The results are as follows:

Year	Total
2023	21
2024	16
Total	37

As of the date of the request, 8 of the above crimes did not have a Police Outcome.

Please note that the results would suggest that the tag was not in use prior to 2023.

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I can confirm that a search has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 30/09/2024 whereby the below offences have been recorded:

- Aid and abet the carrying out of hymenoplasty
- Aid or abet the carrying out of a virginity test
- Carry out hymenoplasty
- Carry out virginity test
- Person in England and Wales offer to carry out virginity testing
- Person within England and Wales offer to carry out hymenoplasty

The results are as follows:

NIL returns.

24_0932

1. 0

2 – 13. 8. Due to the low number of records, no further breakdown will be provided. This is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2)

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1. 0

2 – 13. 19. Due to the relatively low number of records, no further breakdown will be provided. This is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2)

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1. 0

2 – 13. 4. Due to the low number of records, no further breakdown will be provided. This is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2)

24_0935 –

There is no specific offence for “sex-selected” abortion cases. The search was therefore carried out using the offences of “Child destruction” and “Procure drugs to cause abortion” followed by a manual review of the results to determine relevance to your request.

I can confirm that 0 (zero) records identified from the above searches are related to “sex-selected” abortion

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A search of all crimes has been conducted to identify those where the keyword of “dowry” is present within the MO.

NIL returns.

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For “acid attack”, a search the Crime Recording System has been conducted for the offence of:

- Causing explosions, sending explosive substance or throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The results are provided below.

1. 13
2. 23
3. 30
4. 1
5. 0
6. 1
7. 0

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 regards to the breakdown of data for requests 24_0932, 24_0933 and 24_0934, 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.

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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