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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0055

On 15/01/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to know how many offences have been recorded under the non-fatal strangulation offence (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015 (as amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021), since it was introduced in June 2022. Please could you tell me the following:

1. How many crimes of non-fatal strangulation (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015) have you recorded between 7 June 2022 to the 31 Dec 2024, broken down by year? Please include all occurrences, including where this is not the primary offence.
2. Please also provide a count of all other offences associated with the investigations from Q1, i.e. other secondary or primary offences that were recorded at the same time, for example if it was recorded alongside a sexual offence. Please list full offence titles and total count these of linked offences over the time period.
3. For all of the investigations in Q1, please extract and send the redacted crime MO.
4. Please provide a separate breakdown of total victims and suspects count by a) age group (categories: Aged 15 years and under · Aged 16 to 24 years · Aged 25 to 34 years · Aged 35 to 49 years · Aged 50 to 64 years · Aged 65 years and over) and b) gender, linked to investigations from Q1
5. Please provide a separate breakdown of case outcomes: for non-live cases, by outcome type and total count, for investigations from Q1.
6. Please provide a separate breakdown of the total number of arrests where non-fatal strangulation is part of the of the arrest offences.

If request Q3 takes my request over time exemptions, please disregard it.

Clarification was sent on 16/01/2025 advising the following:

We record data across different recording systems, and we are able to electronically pull out the Crime information regarding to non-fatal Strangulation offences, however, to locate if there have been any other offences from the offender which were recorded at the same time would require a manual review of person record which would likely to engage in Section 12.

With regards to a breakdown of arrests for non-fatal strangulation offences, The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific offences under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for the offence(s) you have stated above. To answer this part of the request a manual review of all arrest would need to be conducted to ascertain whether the arrest would relate to charge of the offence you have requested.

However, we will be able to do search of the crimes for non-fatal strangulation and this search can include the victim and offenders, age groups, gender and recorded police outcomes.

If this search would assist you, or if you would like to amend your questions or if you wish to withdraw your request please let me know.

A response to the above clarification was received on 16/01/2025 confirming the following: Understood about manual review. Please could I amend my request, as you suggest, to do a search of the crimes for non-fatal strangulation and this search can include the victim and offenders, age groups, gender and recorded police outcomes.

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.

Following receipt of your request and the clarification refining your request, initial searches were conducted on the Crime Recording System for substantiated crimes recorded between 07/06/2022 – 31/12/2024, where the offence has been listed as:

008/77 - Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation.

The results are as follows:

Number of offences

Please note that this based on the number offences.

Year	Total
2022	205
2023	275
2024	295
Total	775

Breakdown of Gender of the Victim and Offender

Involvement	F	M	U	Total
Offender	10	107	1	118
Victim	528	119	4	651
Total	538	226	5	769

Breakdown of Age Group of the Victim and Offender

Involvement	0-15	16-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Unknown	Total
Offender	4	18	40	40	15	1		118
Victim	35	144	181	200	55	23	13	651
Total	39	162	221	240	70	24	13	769

Breakdown of Police Recorded Outcomes

Police Recorded Outcomes	Total
Action undertaken by another body/agency	9
Charged/Summonsed	219
Diversionary	1
Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	160
Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	313
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	14
Investigation ongoing	37
Out of court (formal)	2
Out of court (informal)	10
Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest	10
Total	775

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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Yours sincerely,

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