



Your reference: N/A

Our reference: FOI_25_0112

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0112

On 30/01/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act please. If possible, receipt of you receiving this request would be appreciated:

1. The total number of recorded cruelty to children/young person offences (Home Office offence code: 11A) for the periods 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
2. The total number of victims broken down by age (by individual year of age where possible otherwise please provide it grouped into: 0-5, 6-10, 11-15 and 16-17).

Below is a suggested table:

Total number of offences XX

Total number of victims XX

Age of victims

0 XX

1 XX

2 XX

3 XX

4 XX

5 XX

6 XX

7 XX

8 XX

9 XX

10 XX

11 XX

12 XX

13 XX
14 XX
15 XX
16 XX
17 XX

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, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System for substantiated crimes recorded between 01/04/2023 – 31/04/2024, where the offence is listed as the following:

11A - Cruelty to Children//Young persons

Where the victims are aged between 0 – 17.

The results are as follows:

Offence	Total
Cruelty to Children/Young Persons	1579
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Age Groups	Total
0-5	434
11-15	539
16-17	53
6-10	503
Unknown	50
Total	1579

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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