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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0162

On 07/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

[...] I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Gloucestershire Constabulary. I would like to request access to the following information:

The conviction rate for stalking offences between 2018 and 2025. If possible, please provide the data on a yearly basis and indicate any trends or variations during this period.

Please provide the information via email in electronic form and any data in calendar years.

Clarification was sought on 18/02/2025 advising the following:

Gloucestershire Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

we can do a search of the Crime Recordings System for the offences of 008/65 - Stalking involving fear of violence & 008/66 - Stalking involving serious alarm/distress, and we can provided the police outcomes where there has been a charge/summons.

Please can you advise if this would help, if not please can you advise and let me know if you would like to withdraw your request.

A response to the clarification was received on 19/02/2025 advising:

Thank you for your response.

Please provide charge data if possible.

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 01/01/2018 – 07/02/2025, where the offences were listed as the following:

8/65 Stalking involving fear of violence

8/66 Stalking involving serious alarm/distress

A filter has then been applied to get the police recorded outcomes where it has been recorded as 'Charged/Summonsed'.

Results are as follows

Outcome	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Charged/Summonsed	26	30	47	73	87	114	72	4	453
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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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