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Our reference: FOI_25_0169
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Date: 10/03/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0169

On 10/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. I would like to know how many reports were made of sexual violence (includes rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, indecent exposure and sexual exploitation) in schools.

2. For this data I would like a breakdown of how many cases were reported where the perpetrator was logged as a minor.

For each of these requests I would like a breakdown of the figures by the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

If the number of years requested is too large, please just complete for the years 2019-2024

Clarification was sought on the 18/02/2025 if you could confirm the ages of where you mean a minor, is this for an offender aged 0 – 10 or any offender under the age of 18.

A response to the clarification was received on 18/02/2025 with the following:

Any offender under 18.

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 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2024 where the offence is listed under the Offence Group of:

Sexual Offences

A filter has then been applied to identify records where the MO Code of 'School' has been applied.

A secondary filter has then been applied where the offender is under the age of 18. The results are as follows:

1. Annual breakdown of Sexual offences in schools

Year	Sexual offences
2014	16
2015	14
2016	28
2017	29
2018	61
2019	29
2020	33
2021	60
2022	80
2023	69
2024	56
Total	475

2. Offenders under the age of 18 where Sexual offences were reported in schools

Year	Offenders under the age of 18
2014	2
2015	1
2018	3
2021	3
2022	2
2023	3

Total	14
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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 –

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Yours sincerely,

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