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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0241

On 27/02/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In light of your feedback, I would like to amend my request to the following:

The number of arson offences reported to the service in the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024). Please note that I require data related to arson (HO Codes 56a and 56b) only, and not criminal damage generally.

Please break the results down by the following:

- Month and year of the report (e.g. January 2022, February 2022, etc.)
- Location (As specific as is reasonably possible)
- The age and gender (if known) of the offender

Please let me know if any further amendments would be needed in order for the request to be processed successfully.

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 of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2024, where the offences are recorded as the following:

56a – Arson Endangering Life

56b – Arson Not Endangering Life

The results are as follows:

Month and Year	Total
2022	
Jan	25
Feb	32
Mar	37
Apr	54
May	82
Jun	44
Jul	79
Aug	104
Sep	40
Oct	23
Nov	26
Dec	20
2023	
Jan	21
Feb	31
Mar	25
Apr	25
May	50
Jun	53
Jul	39
Aug	33
Sep	33
Oct	20
Nov	15
Dec	16
2024	
Jan	15

Feb	22
Mar	17
Apr	23
May	23
Jun	24
Jul	32
Aug	40
Sep	37
Oct	19
Nov	27
Dec	12
Total	1218

Local Policing Area	Total
Cheltenham LPA	292
Cotswolds LPA	101
Forest LPA	174
Gloucester LPA	330
Stroud LPA	147
Tewkesbury LPA	125
Unclassified LPA	49
Total	1218

Age	F	M	Total
11		1	1
12		4	4
13		1	1
14		3	3
15		4	4
16	1	1	2
17		1	1
18		2	2
24		1	1
25		1	1
27	1		1

28		1	1
30		1	1
32		5	5
33		4	4
34		1	1
35		2	2
37		1	1
39		1	1
40		3	3
41		1	1
46		1	1
47	1		1
50		1	1
51	1		1
52		1	1
53		1	1
56		2	2
63		3	3
65		1	1
69		1	1
Total	4	50	54

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
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Yours sincerely,

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