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Our reference: FOI_25_0247

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0247

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

We have been receiving information from forces across the country but it has been difficult in some cases as the request isn't straight forward. Some forces sent us data in the form of a table that has proven to be very useful and much easier to find/complete.

Please would you be willing to complete the attached table of outcomes with reference to the following:

1. Between the dates 1/1/23 - 31/8/24
2. Any sexual offences reported where the children are victims, under the age of 16 where the suspect is over 18 (including the making, distributing and viewing of online content)
3. The table requires the No of crimes per outcome and the average number of days the crime was live

I think this might be a simpler and faster way to obtain the data we need

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System has been carried out, searching for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2023 and 31/08/2024 where the offence falls under the Home Office offence group of Sexual Offences. A filter has then been applied to identify the records where the victim was under 16 years of age at the time the offence occurred, and where the offender was aged 18 or over at the time the offence occurred.

Please see the below for the breakdown of the results.

Outcome	No of Crimes	Av no of days crime was live
1: Charged/Summonsed	53	357.13
Detected - other outcomes	3	57.33
Undetected	2	334.5
Total	58	

Please note that due to the low number of records where the outcome is anything other than Charge, there is a real likelihood that an individual could be identified, hence being categorised as Detected and Undetected. Any further breakdown of this information is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of further information as described above, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained with the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

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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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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