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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0291

On 13/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Thank you for this response.

Please do as you suggest and proceed with questions 1a, 2a and 3a only,

1a) Number of violent crimes recorded in schools in each calendar year (separately) from 2014 to 2024.

2a) Number of knife crimes recorded in schools in each calendar year (separately) from 2014 to 2024

3a) Number of knife crimes with injury recorded in schools in each calendar year (separately) from 2014 to 2024.

By 'Violent crime', (questions 1a and 1b) I mean broadly the crimes set out by the CPS as violent crime here.

I suggest defining this as any offences under the offence groupings 'violence against the person', 'possession of weapons', or 'robbery', plus the specific public order offences of affray, riot or violent disorder.

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.

Q1.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2024 where the offence falls under the Home Office Offence Classification of:

- violence against the person
- possession of weapons
- robbery

A filter has also been applied to the results to identify records where the MO Code for School has been added. The results have been broken down annually below:

Year	Total
2014	55
2015	96
2016	151
2017	169
2018	136
2019	207
2020	127
2021	197
2022	394
2023	398
2024	286
Total	2216

A search of the Crime Recording System has then been carried out to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2024 where the Home Office offence is one of the following:

- Affray
- Riot
- Violent disorder

Again the filter has been added to identify those records where the MO Code for School has been applied, and the results have been broken down annually:

Year	Total
2018	1
2020	1
2021	4

2022	7
2023	1
2024	2
Total	16

Q2.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2024 where the Home Office offence is one of the following:

- Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises
- Possession of other offensive weapon on school/further education premises
- Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises
- Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises

The results have been broken down annually below:

Year	Total
2014	2
2015	4
2016	4
2017	5
2018	12
2019	12
2020	7
2021	11
2022	13
2023	17
2024	13
Total	100

Q3.

For this question, the only way to search for “knife crimes with injury” is to search for the relevant offence, then add the filters of Knife Crime tag and the MO Code for School. Please be advised that the results may not be correct as this greatly depends on the appropriate tags/codes being added to the record. There may be more records within the system that are relevant to the request, however the only way to determine this would be to manually review all records. I have therefore provided below the data that can be electronically extracted within the set parameters.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2024 where the offence falls under the Home Office Offence Classification of Assault with Injury. A filter has been applied to the results to identify records where the Knife Crime Tag has and the MO Code for School has been added. The results have been broken down annually below:

Year	Total
2015	2
2016	2
2017	1
2018	4
2019	1
2020	2
2021	6
2022	2
2023	1
2024	3
Total	24

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

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Yours sincerely,

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