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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_25\_0351**

On 27/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1: How many people were charged with non-fatal strangulation or suffocation between 2022 and 2025?

Please can the data be broken down by year, by the sex of the offender and by the sex of the victim.

2: How many people were charged with racially or religiously aggravated strangulation or suffocation between 2022 and 2025?

Please can the data be broken down by year, by the sex of the offender and by the sex of the victim.

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 01/01/2022 and 26/03/2025 where the offence is listed as one of the following:

08/77 – Non-Fatal Strangulation or suffocation

08/78 – Racially or Religiously aggravated non-fatal strangulation or suffocation.

A filter has then been applied for the Crime outcome of 'Charged/Summons'.

The gender of the Victims and Offenders has also been filtered through.

The results for 2022 – 2024\* are as follows:

\*please see below for 2025 information.

#### 1. Number of people charged

| Years        | Intentional strangulation | Total      |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 2022         | 28                        | 28         |
| 2023         | 41                        | 41         |
| 2024         | 44                        | 44         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>113</b>                | <b>113</b> |

#### Gender of the Victims

| Years        | F          | M         | Total      |
|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 2022         | 25         | 3         | 28         |
| 2023         | 39         | 2         | 41         |
| 2024         | 39         | 5         | 44         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>113</b> |

#### Gender of Offenders

| Years        | F         | M          | Total      |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 2022         | 3         | 25         | 28         |
| 2023         | 3         | 38         | 41         |
| 2024         | 5         | 40         | 45         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>114</b> |

Please note that due to being more than one offender per crime in some cases the total numbers will not correlate.

#### 2025

There were 28 records identified from the search for the offence of intentional strangulation and suffocation in 2025, please see the table below for the gender of victims 18 Females, 9 Males and 1 Unknown Victims.

Of these records only 1 has the outcome of charge, therefore, no further breakdown of gender will be provided to avoid individuals being identified or being identifiable.

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 any further breakdown of the genders for Victims and Offenders in 2025, 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 within 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.

#### 2. No information held.

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely,

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