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Our reference: FOI_25_0358
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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0358

On 31/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request the following information under FOIA.

For every month, from Jan 2019 to the present day, the number of people under the age of 16 charged with rape and sexual offences, broken down by gender.

This should be presented in a spreadsheet format (XLSX or CSV) in a layout akin to the template table below.

Date	Police force	Gender	Sex crime charges for under 16s
Jan-19	Gloucestershire Constabulary	M	[number]
Jan-19	Gloucestershire Constabulary	F	[number]
Feb-19	Gloucestershire Constabulary	M	[number]
Feb-19	Gloucestershire Constabulary	F	[number]
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Feb-25	Gloucestershire Constabulary	M	[number]
Feb-25	Gloucestershire Constabulary	F	[number]
Mar-25	Gloucestershire Constabulary	M	[number]

Mar-25	Gloucestershire Constabulary	F	[number]
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Should you have any questions please contact me as soon as possible.

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 01/01/2019 to 30/03/2025, where the offences are recorded under the Home Office Offence Class of:

Sexual Offences

A filter has then been applied to identify records where the offender was under 16, along with the gender and where the outcome was charge/summons.

Results are as follows:

Please see the below uncorrelated table

Year	Charged/Summons	Total
2019	15	15
2020	23	23
2021	17	17
2022	9	9
2023	11	11
2024	2	2
2025	1	1
Total	78	78

No further breakdown of the months and genders have been provided to avoid any individuals being identified or being identifiable. This is 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 the months and genders, 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.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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