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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0401

On 08/04/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Request 1

Please could I request an FOI for the following information:

1. The total number of stalking and harassment offences cases your police force has dealt with per financial year, for the past five years. Please display the total case numbers for stalking and harassment separately.
2. The total number of stalking and harassment cases in which a physical tracking device was used. This can include an AirTag, SmartTag, Tile, GPS tracker, car tracker. Please display the total case numbers for stalking and harassment separately, and provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.
3. The total number of stalking and harassment offences in which a digital tracking device was used. This can include a social media tracker, Life360, phone App tracker. Please display the total case numbers for stalking and harassment separately, and provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.
4. The total number of controlling / coercive behaviour cases your police for has dealt with per financial year, for the past five years.
5. The total number of controlling / coercive behaviour cases in which a physical tracking device was used. This can include an AirTag, SmartTag, Tile, GPS tracker, car tracker. Please provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.
6. The total number of controlling / coercive behaviour cases in which a digital tracking device was used. This can include a social media tracker, Life360, phone App tracker. Please provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.

Request 2

I would like to submit the following FOI request:

1. Please can you tell me the total number of Stalking Protection Orders that have been applied for by your police force? Please give this data per financial year, for the past 5 years.

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 01/04/2020 – 31/03/2025 where the offences is listed as one of the following:

Coercive or Controlling behaviour

Harassment

Malicious Communications

Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment

Stalking

A free text search of the MO's has been conducted for the following keywords 'AirRag', 'SmartTag', 'Tile', 'GPS tracker', 'Car Tracker', 'Life360', 'Phone App Tracker' and 'Social Media Tracker'

Please see below for a consolidated response

Offence	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	276	652	962	1058	966	3914
Harassment	1744	2522	3786	3309	2944	14305
Malicious Communications	2158	2910	3630	1395	954	11047
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment	31	57	67	102	114	371
Stalking	592	1517	1857	2188	2339	8493
Total	4801	7658	10302	8052	7317	38130

Please see below for a response where a physical or social media tracker is contained within the MO free text.

Offence	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Coercive or Controlling Behaviour			2			2
Harassment		2		1	1	4
Malicious Communications		1	1			2
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment					1	1
Stalking	1	1		3		5
Total	1	4	3	4	2	14

Request 2

Year	Total
2020/21	3x interim SPOs & 1x full SPO
2021/22	0
2022/23	1x interim SPO
2023/24	7x interim SPOs & 4x full SPOs
2024/25	14x interim SPOs & 2x full SPOs

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
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Yours sincerely,

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