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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0413

On 11/04/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could you provide a breakdown of how many foreign nationals were convicted for the following crimes between the period of 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024, separated by nationality (including standardised country codes).

1. Rape
2. Sexual Assault
3. Child sexual abuse
4. Child grooming
5. Indecent images of children

Please could you provide an exact number of individuals convicted, rather than the number of convictions, and the nationality of each individual. Please refer to the country they are a national of i.e. UK rather than British.

Could you also please break it down by gender?

Could you also please provide me with the same figures for British nationals?

Please provide the data as a spreadsheet (XLSX or CSV), formatted in a table with headings of the below:

Police Force
Country code
Nationality
Gender
Rape convictions
Sexual assault convictions

Child Sexual Abuse Convictions
Child grooming convictions
Indecent images of children convictions

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

The primary function of the Constabulary's Arrest Recording System is to assist the Constabulary in adhering to Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. As such, its reporting function is limited. The system does not record detentions under specific offences under the Home Office Crime Recording Rules; instead it uses Reason for Arrest (RFA) Categories. Unfortunately there is no single RFA Category for the offences of Child Sexual Abuse and Child Grooming. Although it's possible to follow an arrest through a recorded crime and the police outcome per individual, it's not possible to retrieve electronic statistics. Therefore in order to ascertain if any relevant arrest information is recorded, a manual review of over 9,200 Custody Records would be required. This would clearly take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

Section 17(5) 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.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

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

Under Section 16 duty to assist, a search can be conducted of the custody recording system for the RFA's of:

Attempt Rape

Rape

Indecency – Exposure

Indecent / Sexual Assault Children

Indecent Images

Indecent / Sexual Assault Female

Indecent /Sexual Assault Male
Incest - Familial Sex Offences

Or a search of the Crime Recording System can be conducted for substantiated crimes, please refer to the Home Office Crime Recording Rules link below for the specific crimes you require.

[Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers and staff - GOV.UK](#)

We are unable to provide you with the nationality of the offenders, however we are able provide the ethnicity.

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

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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