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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0430

On 16/04/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Hi, I am writing under the FOI Act to request records of high-value (over £500 in value) retail thefts involving Lego products since January 2020.

More specifically:

1. The number of recorded shoplifting and burglary offences where "Lego" is explicitly mentioned in police reports, broken down by year? - i.e. for the whole of 2020, the whole of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and in 2025 so far?
2. A breakdown of locations where Lego thefts were reported, specifying where they occurred?
3. The total estimated value of stolen Lego items in recorded incidents, where available.

Thank you so much, please let me know if you have any further questions. I can be contacted via this email or on the number below,

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 01/01/2020 – 15/04/2025, where the offence is listed as the following:

Shoplifting

Burglary Residential

Burglary Business and Community

A filter has then been applied to locate records where the MO contained the word 'Lego'

The results are as follows:

Year	Burglary	Theft	Total
2020		6	6
2021		5	5
2022		4	4
2023		7	7
2024	1	22	23
2025		7	7
Total	1	51	52

Local Policing Area	Total
Cheltenham LPA	20
Forest LPA	3
Gloucester LPA	21
Stroud LPA	5
Tewkesbury LPA	2
Unclassified LPA	1
Total	52

A manual review has been conducted of the MO's to identify where the value of the items stolen has been recorded. Please note that the recording of the value is not mandatory.

Total Value	Value
24	1
75	1
81	1
100	1
112.9	1

119.97	1
120	1
150	2
60 - 80	1
Unknown	42
Total	52

Year	24	75	81	100	112.9	119.97	120	150	60 - 80	Unknown	Total
2020	1	1								4	6
2021										5	5
2022					1	1				2	4
2023			1						1	5	7
2024				1			1	2		19	23
2025										7	7
Total	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	42	52

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 –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

