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Our reference: FOI_25_0433

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0433

On 18/04/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

REQUEST 1:

What is the number of prostitution cases taken to court each year between 2014-2024 in Gloucestershire (in the last 10 years)? (and with a breakdown of the specific charges)

REQUEST 2:

How many prostitute cautions were issued between 2014-2024 in Gloucestershire? (In the last 10 years)

REQUEST 3:

Are there any problem profiles in relation to sex work or soliciting sex work?

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.

Request 1:

A search has been conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary systems to identify the number of records where the outcome of Charge has been applied and where the offence is one of the following:

- Cause / incite prostitution for gain - SOA 2003
- Control prostitution for gain - SOA 2003
- Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution
- Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place
- Pay / promise to pay for sexual services for self / another of a prostitute subjected to exploitative conduct
- Person persistently loiter for the purposes of prostitution
- Person persistently solicit for the purposes of prostitution

The total number of records has been broken down annually below:

Year	Total
2014	2
2015	1
2016	1
2017	0
2018	0
2019	1
2020	0
2021	0
2022	1
2023	0
2024	0

Request 2:

A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary systems has been carried out to identify the number of “prostitute cautions” that have been issued from 2014 to 2024. I can confirm that this search returned zero (0) results.

Request 3:

No

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,

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