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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0482

On 07/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many record offences of kidnapping (home office code - 03601) have been recorded from January 1st, 2020, to April 30th, 2025.
2. Please can you provide the outcome for each of these reported offences.
3. Please can you provide the age and gender of each of the victims who have been reported kidnapped.

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.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2020 to 30/04/2025 whereby the offence recorded was 036/01 – Kidnapping.

I can confirm the following number of crimes, broken down by police outcome:

Police Outcomes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
1 - Charged/Summons	7	0	2	3	0	0	12
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	1	3	1	3	7	1	16
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	3	3	7	4	8	1	26
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	3	8	9	3	3	0	26
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	4	3	10	7	2	1	27
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unknown						3	3
Total	18	18	30	20	20	6	112

Please see the following tables relating to the age groups and genders recorded for the victims of the above crimes:

Age Range	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
0-10	1	1	5	3	1	0	11
11-15	3	3	9	3	1	1	20
16-20	4	4	2	3	1	1	15
21-30	7	6	5	6	9	0	33
31-40	3	3	5	1	3	3	18
41-50	0	1	3	3	2	1	10
51-60	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
61-70	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Not recorded	0	2	1	0	1	0	4
Total	18	20	30	20	20	6	114

Gender	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Female	12	8	15	11	6	4	56
Male	6	8	14	9	13	2	52
Unknown	0	4	1	0	0	0	5
Not recorded	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	18	20	30	20	20	6	114

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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