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Our reference: FOI_25_0506

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0506

On 13/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. For 2024

- a. Using the key words 'Roblox', 'Fortnite', 'Clash of Clans', 'world of Warcraft', 'Minecraft' and 'FIFA', the number of reports of crimes involving online computer games.
- b. The category of offence under which the report was logged - for example sexual activity of a child under 13

2. For 2023

- a. Using the key words 'Roblox', 'Fortnite', 'Clash of Clans', 'world of Warcraft', 'Minecraft' and 'FIFA', the number of reports of crimes involving online computer games.
- b. The category of offence under which the report was logged - for example sexual activity of a child under 13

3. For 2022

- a. Using the key words 'Roblox', 'Fortnite', 'Clash of Clans', 'world of Warcraft', 'Minecraft' and 'FIFA', the number of reports of crimes involving online computer games.
- b. The category of offence under which the report was logged - for example sexual activity of a child under 13

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.

A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2025 where the cyber tag has been applied to the record. A keyword search has then been conducted to identify the records where at least one of the following terms has been included in the MO:

- Roblox
- Fortnite
- Clash of Clans
- World of Warcraft
- Minecraft
- FIFA

Please see the table below for the results:

Offence	Year			Total
	2022	2023	2024	
Abuse of Children through Sexual Exploitation		1		1
Harassment	1			1
Malicious Communications	2	1		3
Obscene Publications etc			2	2
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment			1	1
Sexual activity involving child -13	1			1
Sexual grooming		1	2	3
Total	4	3	5	12

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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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary