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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0531

On 21/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you tell me how many times the following methods of force were deployed by this force against people aged 65+, disaggregating the data by exact age and by the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

CED/Taser
Firearms
Spit and bite guard
Irritant spray - PAVA and CS
AEP
Baton
Dog bite

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.

There may be anomalies with the age of the individual who is subject to the use of force due to recording practices.

A search was completed on the use of force forms where the individual is over 65 years old.

The table below shows the use of force categories broken down by year and age. Please note there were 536 actions from 271 completed forms. This means more than one force can be used in any situation but only one form would be completed.

Use of Force and age of individual	Year		
	2022	2023	2024
AEP Drawn			
68			1
71	1		
Firearms			
66	1		
68			1
69			1
70		1	
71	3		
74		1	
65 and over			1
Ground Restraint			
65			2
66			1
67			1
69	2		
75	3		
116	1		
65 and over			1
Handcuffing			
65	2	3	10
66	3	5	10
67	4	1	4
68		4	6
69	2		5
70	4	2	2

71	2	3	2
72	1	3	4
73	2		3
74		1	
75	1	2	
76		2	1
77		2	2
78	1		2
79		4	
81			1
83	2		
84		1	1
86		1	
89			1
91			2
116	1		
65 and over	1	3	2
Improvised Other			
65	1		
67			2
69	2		
70	1	1	1
72	3		1
73			1
75			1
76		1	
77		1	2
81		1	
82		1	
85			1
86		1	1
90			1
65 and over		2	3
Limb or Body Restraints			

65	1		
66	1	1	
68		2	
70	1		1
71		1	
74			1
77		1	
91			1
PAVA Drawn			
68			1
65 and over			1
PAVA Used			
69			1
Tactical Communications			
65	3	2	7
66	7	5	13
67	4	3	8
68	1	9	6
69	5		5
70	3	3	4
71	2	6	4
72	4	1	5
73	2		3
74		1	2
75	5	3	5
76		4	
77		2	5
78	1	1	2
79	1	3	
80	1		3
81		1	1
82		2	1
83	2		
84	1	2	1

85		1	3
86		3	1
87		1	
89			1
90			2
91			3
116	1		
65 and over	2	7	4
Taser Cartridge 1 Aimed			
66	1		
65 and over		1	
Taser Cartridge 1 Arced			
77		1	
Taser Cartridge 1 Drawn			
66			3
67		1	
72	1		
Taser Cartridge 1 Fired			
68	1		
Taser Cartridge 1 Red Dotted			
65	1		
66			1
68			1
70		1	
71		2	
73	1		1
75	1		
78	1		
Unarmed Skills			
65	2	2	10
66	4	3	9
67	2	3	6
68		7	5
69	3	1	1

70	3	2	3
71		5	4
72	1		5
73	1		
74	1	2	2
75	4	2	4
76		2	
77			2
78	1	1	
79		3	
80			3
82		1	1
83	1		
84	1	2	
85		1	2
86		3	
87		1	
89			1
90			1
91			3
65 and over	2	5	3
Total	125	164	247

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

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Yours sincerely,

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