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Our reference: FOI_25_0553

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0553

On 28/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would be grateful if you would provide the following information under the terms of the FOIA 2000:

- 1 In what year did your force start recording non-crime hate incidents?
- 2 Please provide any document laying out the policy for recording such incidents?
- 3 Please provide any email or document instructing your force to record such incidents, from for example the Home Office, Association of Chief Police Officers etc?
- 4 In each of the years your force has recorded such incidents, how many have been recorded in each year?

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.

1. 2016

2. We follow the College of Policing APP for recording Non-Crime Hate Incidents please see the link below:

[New Code and guidance for non-crime hate incidents | College of Policing](#)

3. Please refer to the below link:

[Non-Crime Hate Incidents: Code of Practice on the Recording and Retention of Personal Data \(accessible\) - GOV.UK](#)

4. Following receipt of your request, initial searches of the Incident Recording System for all incidents recorded between 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2024 where a Hate tag has been applied and no Crime is linked to the incident. The results are as follows:

Year	Total
2016	20
2017	479
2018	396
2019	306
2020	274
2021	234
2022	186
2023	197
2024	311
Total	2403

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,

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