



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0558

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0558

On 30/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

Statistics showing the number of people who have been arrested for possession of ketamine (class B) under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 in each of the last 5 calendar years.

Specific offences:

- Possession of a Controlled Drug – Class B (Ketamine)
- Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply – Class B (Ketamine)
- Supply or Offer to Supply a Controlled Drug – Class B (Ketamine)
- Production or Cultivation of a Controlled Drug – Class B (Ketamine)

And for each of those categories, are you able to break down the numbers to separate offenders over 18s and under 18s.

Following clarification with you regarding how arrest data is recorded on Gloucestershire Constabulary's systems, the request was amended to request the number of substantiated crimes recorded where the specific offences listed are recorded

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 the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify the number of substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2024 where one of the offences listed is recorded. This has returned a total of 46 records where an offender is recorded.

The results have been broken down by age group below.

Year	Age Group		Total
	18+	Under 18	
2020	5		5
2021	9		9
2022	4	2	6
2023	11	1	12
2024	14		14
Total	43	3	46

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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