



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0562

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Date: 04/07/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0562

On 02/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to know how many children (anyone under 18) were found carrying knives or similarly logged weapons in the last decade?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Following clarification with you, it has been determined that the information you require is the number of substantiated crimes recorded where the offence falls under the Home Office Category of 'Possession of Article with Blade or Point – 10D.' and where there are offenders/suspects linked to those crimes aged 0 to 17 when the crime occurred.

A search has therefore been conducted of the Crime Recording System to identify all relevant records recorded between 01/01/2015 and 31/05/2025. The table below denotes the number of crimes recorded, broken down by month/year. It does not provide the number of individual offenders.

Month	Year											Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Jan	2		2	1		1	1	1		2		10
Feb	1	2	1	4	2	1		1		2	3	17
Mar		1	2	4	2	2		2	1		1	15
Apr	2	1	2	1				1	2	3	1	13
May	2	1	2	2		1	3	4	2		3	20

Jun			3	3	3		1	1	2			13
Jul	2			1	1		3		6	1		14
Aug			1	5	3				3	1		13
Sep	2	1			1	2	4	2		3		15
Oct	1	2	1	1		3	2	3	2	4		19
Nov		3		1	2		1	3				10
Dec							1	1	2			4
Total	12	11	14	23	14	10	16	19	20	16	8	163

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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Yours sincerely,

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