



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0588

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0588

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The main purpose of this request is to gather data on the illegal supply and use of weight loss injections.

I am requesting the following data, covering the period from January 1, 2020, to the present (including partial data for 2025, if available):

Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:

Incidents and Investigations:

1. The number of recorded incidents or investigations involving the illegal sale, possession, or administration of weight loss injections from January 1st 2020, to the most recent available date 2. A breakdown of how many incidents occurred in each calendar year

Arrests and Outcomes:

1. The number of arrests made in connection with these incidents 2. The number of individuals charged or prosecuted as a result

[IF HELD]

Substances Involved:

1. A list of weight loss substances involved in these cases, where recorded (e.g. semaglutide, liraglutide, or other prescription-only or unlicensed drugs)

I would like you to provide the information in the following format:

Please provide the information in electronic format, preferably as an Excel spreadsheet or CSV file. Please avoid sending PDFs or Word documents.

If you are unable to provide the specified information:

If you cannot provide the information exactly as requested, please provide any relevant data you have and explain why the other information cannot be provided.

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.

When an Individual contacts the police and it's deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. If that incident is deemed to fall within the Home Office Crime Recording Rules, a crime will be recorded on the Crime Recording System.

Searches of both the Incident and Crime Recording Systems have been conducted for any records connected to the illegal sale, possession, or administration of weight loss injections from January 1st 2020 to date.

I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary hold 0 (zero) relevant records.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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