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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0614

On 18/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information for your Police Force:

1. How many reported crimes involved the Grindr app in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?
2. Of those cases, for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in how many were charges successfully brought?
3. How many reported crimes have involved the Grindr app so far this year? (Please specify the months included in the available data)

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.

I can confirm that there is no tag or field on the crime recording system that specifically flags any crimes that relate to dating apps. As such, the only way to try and locate any

relevant information is to conduct a search for the specific dating app within the MOs of crimes.

As such, a search has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2024 whereby the term 'grindr' was present in the recorded MO. The results are as follows:

1. & 2. Please see the table below:

Police Outcomes	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Charged/Summoned						2	2
Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)		1		1	2		5
Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	1	2	2	5		1	11
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	1				3	2	6
Out of court (formal)			1			1	2
Total	2	3	3	6	5	6	25

3. I can confirm that the same search conducted, regarding crimes recorded from 01/01/2025 to 31/05/2025, resulted in 1 crime.

Please note that the above statistics relate solely to the term 'grindr' being present in the MOs of the crimes. There could feasibly be other relevant information held but the term simply wasn't present in the MO.

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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