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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0643

On 26/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for data about theft of mobile phones.

I would like to receive a spreadsheet of all phone thefts reported to Gloucestershire Police between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2025.

The spreadsheet should contain the following columns:

Date

Borough

Street/Postcode

Whether it was solved/had a positive outcome

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 a search has been conducted for crimes recorded from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2025 whereby a property item of mobile phone was recorded as stolen. This therefore will incorporate all theft offences, including burglary offences.

The results, broken down by Local Police Area (LPA) are as follows:

LPA / Police Outcomes	2023	2024	2025	Total
Cheltenham LPA	8	2	3	13
Charged/Summonsed	1	1		2
Diversinary	1			1
Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	1			1
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	5	1	3	9
Cotswolds LPA	10	7		17
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	10	7		17
Forest LPA	2	1		3
Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	1			1
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	1	1		2
Gloucester LPA	10	4	2	16
Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	2			2
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	7	4	2	13
Investigation ongoing	1			1
Stroud LPA	2	1		3
Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	1			1
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	1	1		2
Tewkesbury LPA	4	1		5
Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	1			1
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	3	1		4
Unclassified LPA	1		1	2
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	1		1	2
Total	37	16	6	59

Given the low numbers of crimes listed above, to provide the crimes per street/postcode would likely identify individuals and/or disclose personal data. As such, a breakdown to this level is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you

the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of any further breakdown, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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