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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0657

On 01/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please provide the total number of recorded strangulation offences [Domestic Abuse Act (2021, section 70) and the Serious Crime Act (2015, section 75A)] from 7th June 2024-6th June 2025 (inclusive), with the below details (as many as are recorded on your systems) for each case:

- a. Victim sex and gender
- b. Victim age
- c. Victim ethnicity
- d. Victim disability
- e. Suspect sex and gender
- f. Suspect age
- g. Suspect ethnicity
- h. Suspect disability
- i. Relationship between victim and suspect
- j. Context of the strangulation offence
- k. Any additional offences at the time of the strangulation offence
- l. Whether these cases are domestic abuse-flagged
- m. Whether these cases are part of a rape or serious sexual offence investigation
- n. Police assigned outcome and additional rationale where available

2. Please also provide as many of the above details (a-n) as possible for any additional cases involving non-fatal strangulation, where this has been flagged/ featured within an alternative offence, but not recorded specifically as an offence of strangulation.

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.

On 03/07/2025 Clarification was sought from yourself in regards to parts of your request. We subsequently had a telephone conversation in which we discussed the limits of the data available for extraction. With those limits in mind the following searches have been completed to help assist with your request.

All substantiated crimes recorded from 07.06.2024 – 06.06.2024 whereby the following offence is present

008/77 – Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation.

This returned a total of 277 crimes of which 179 have been flagged as being DA related.

Please see the table below which shows the outcomes broken down by year

Outcome	Year	
	2024	2025
1 - Charged/Summons	15	5
11 - Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	2	
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	3	3
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	3	1
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	32	11
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	67	40
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	4	2
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	0	2
8 - Community Resolution	2	2
Ongoing Investigation	7	25
Total	135	91

The tables below show the age and ethnicity of the victim and offender separately. Unfortunately the data cannot be correlated to the crime data due to the extraction method

and this is also to anonymise the data and reduce the possibility of identification. Please see below for the relevant exemption.

Please note the number of offenders will greatly differ to the number of victims, this is due to the outcome of evidential difficulties or no further action etc where the offender has not been charged.

Victim

Gender	Total
F	179
M	45
Unknown	2
Total	226

Age Group	Total
0 To 10	5
11 To 17	16
18 To 29	64
30 To 39	68
40 To 49	40
50 To 59	13
60+	15
Unknown	5
Total	226

Ethnicity	Total
Asian	4
Black	11
Mixed	10
Not Stated	47
Other	3
White	151
Total	226

Offender

Gender	Total
F	2
M	22
Total	24

Age Group	Total
11 To 17	2
18 To 29	8
30 To 39	7
40 To 49	6
50 To 59	1
Total	24

Ethnicity	Total
Asian	1
Unknown	1
White	22
Total	24

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 correlation of data, 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 with 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.

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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