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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0927

On 18/09/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make a freedom of information request for the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following questions:

1. How many money mules/money laundering cases have been investigated by your force in the last 5 years involving children or young people (under 30 years of age)? If known, how many of these children/young people were students?
2. What is the average value of money transferred in money mules/money laundering cases you have investigated in the last 5 years involving children/young people?
3. What are the most common methods used by criminals to recruit money mules that you have identified in the last 5 years involving children/young people?
4. How many money mule/money laundering investigations have you referred to the Crown Prosecution Service in the last 5 years involving children/young people?
5. What is the approximately the average length of time it takes for a money laundering case to be investigated by your force in the last 5 years involving children/young people?

On 05/03/2026 you sent a revised set of questions, as follows:

Revised Questions

1. How many of the following offences were recorded between January 2020 and January 2025:
 - a. Concealing etc criminal property. Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, section 327.
 - b. Being involved in an arrangement that facilitates another person's use of criminal property. Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, section 328.
 - c. Acquisition, use and possession. Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, section 329.

2. For each of these three recorded offences, confirm the number of charges made.
3. In how many instances of the listed offences above between January 2020 and January 2025, was the individual concerned recorded as under 18 and separately how many were recorded as under 30.
4. If held, could you please provide the age, gender and/or demographic of the individual concerned

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

Following receipt of your revised questions, a search was undertaken of the Constabulary's crime recording system for substantiated crimes between 01/01/2020 – 31/01/2025 where the offence has been recorded as:

- Concealing etc. criminal property
- Arrangements - concerned in arrangement, knows or suspects, facilitates acquisition, retention, use or control of criminal property by, or on behalf of another person
- Acquisition, use & possession

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.

Please find below our responses to your questions.

Q1) Number of Offences

	Acquisition, Use & Possession of Criminal Property	Concealing etc criminal property	Total
2020	10	0	10
2021	2	3	5
2022	1	1	2
2023	2	0	2
2024	3	3	6
Total	18	7	25

Q2) Charges

	Adult community resolution	Charged	Youth restorative disposal	Total
Acquisition, Use & Possession of Criminal Property	0	18	0	18
Concealing etc criminal property	1	3	3	7
Total	1	21	3	25

Q3) Ages

	18 to 30	Under 18	Total
2020	5	0	5
2021	2	2	4
2022	0	1	1
2023	2	0	2
2024	2	0	2
Total	11	3	14

Q4) Age and Gender

Age	Gender
21	M
27	M
20	M
28	M
26	M
18	M
17	M
17	M
30	M
17	M
26	M
26	M
21	M
26	M

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
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Yours sincerely,

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