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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0993

On 11/10/2025 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.

1. In total, how many arrests have been made under the Vagrancy Act since 21 June 2024?
2. Please provide figures as a monthly breakdown and clarify how many arrests were made under each offence code for each month (e.g. 182/00, 183/00, 185/01, 188/05).

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.

A search was undertaken of the Constabulary's arrest records, for authorised detentions between 21st June 2024 and 11th October 2025. The data was filtered to return detentions under the following recorded categories:

Begging and Wandering abroad
Begging and Wandering abroad – second/subsequent occasion
Begging in a public place
Begging in a public place – second or subsequent occasion
Gather / Collect alms / Charitable donations by false pretence / fraud
Lodging in a barn / outhouse / unoccupied building / open air
Persistently bed in a public place (second or subsequent offence)
Vagrant – being found in or upon enclosed premises

The search returned 1 record, made under code VG24018 - vagrant - being found in or upon enclosed premises.

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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