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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1025

On 22/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information regarding cannabis farm operations within your jurisdiction from September 2021 to September 2025:

- The total number of cannabis farms detected or investigated by your force each year.
- The average estimated size of these cannabis farms (number of plants or premises size), if available.

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.

There is no specific offence of "cannabis farms", therefore the only way to search for any relevant information held by the constabulary is to conduct a search of the Crime Recording System for the offences of:

- Production of a cannabis plant
- Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes – Cannabis
- Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class B – Other

This has returned a total of 110 records.

A manual review has then been conducted of the MO free text to identify those records where the term “cannabis farm” or “cannabis grow” is included.

For the date range of 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2025 there are a total of 80 crimes recorded.

Please see the table below for the results, broken down by year.

Year	Total
2021	3
2022	19
2023	29
2024	19
2025	10

There is no mandatory requirement to record within the MO the number of plants found or the size of the property. The table below denotes the number of records where the number of plants has been recorded in the MO, however I am unable to provide the average estimated size of the “farm”.

Number of plants recorded	Number of Crime records
2021	
25	1
66	1
2022	
1	1
less than 10	1
12	1
30	1
50	1
60	1
135	1
310	1
2023	
8	1
20	1
20-40	1

32	1
35	1
36	1
50	1
60	1
204	1
2373	1
2024	
2	1
145	1
319	1
2025	
39	1
50	1
138	1
400-600	1

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,

Disclosure Officer
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