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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1029

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

Please provide the following information for the last available 12 months' data in relation to:

- a. All female victims of domestic abuse
- b. All female victims of sexual offences

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims, please provide the data for:

- a. All victims of domestic abuse
- b. All victims of sexual offences

The information sought is:

1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system?
2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded?

Please state whether the ethnicity recorded is self-assessed or based on police IC codes.

Please additionally provide the following information:

3. Is the recording of a victim's ethnicity a mandatory field on your force's electronic system?
4. If so, please can you confirm when this was made a mandatory field.

5. Please can you confirm what steps, if any, you have taken since 1 May 2024 to improve the recording of victims' race and ethnicity data on your systems, including any technology solutions, training or policy/guidance provided to officers.

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

In response to your request, searches were undertaken of the Constabulary's crime recording database for female victims of sexual offences and crimes where a domestic abuse flag has been added, for crimes committed from 22/10/2024 to 21/10/2025. The searches also looked for data on victim ethnicity.

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.

Of the 1670 sexual offences, 452 victims' ethnicities were recorded as 'not stated' and 17 records were blank. This is a total of 469 crimes (28.08%) with no recorded ethnicity data.

The ethnicities recorded were as follows:

Ethnicity	Count
Asian Indian inc Asian British	6
Asian Pakistani inc Asian British	3
Asian Bangladeshi inc Asian British	3
Asian Chinese inc Asian British	4
Any other Asian background	14
Black Caribbean inc Black British	10
Black African inc Black British	14
Any other Black background	12
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	11
Mixed White & Black African	2
Mixed White & Asian	3
Any other mixed	12

Not stated	452
Arab	1
Any other	8
White British	1025
White Irish	16
Any other white background	57
Blank	17
Total	1670

Of the 15 crimes recorded with DA (domestic abuse) tag, 3 crimes (20%) recorded ethnicity as 'not stated'.

The ethnicities recorded were as follows:

Ethnicity	Count
Not stated	3
White British	11
Any other white background	1
Total	15

Gloucestershire Constabulary follows the crime recording regulations set by the Home Office so it is therefore mandatory to record victim ethnicity, but a victim does not have to disclose this information for their crime to be progressed.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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