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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1063

On 05/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The number of reports of rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault received between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2025 in which the victim is identified as having a learning disability or autism. Could these numbers be broken down by offence please?

2. Of those total cases identified in part one, in how many was a suspect charged?

3. Of those total cases identified in part one, how many were closed for no further action?

I would like to request qualitative data in response to the following question.

4. Of the cases identified in part 3 above, what was the reason given for a no further action outcome? (e.g. evidential difficulties, victim withdrew etc)

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.

Following clarification with you, the following searches have been carried out;

A search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify substantiated crimes recorded between 01/09/2020 and 31/05/2025 where the offence is one of the following:

- Rape of a female aged under 16
- Rape of a female aged under 16
- Rape of a female aged 16 or over
- Rape of a female aged 16 or over
- Rape of a male aged under 16
- Rape of a male aged under 16
- Rape of a male aged 16 or over
- Rape of a male aged 16 or over
- Attempted rape of a female aged under 16
- Attempted rape of a female aged under 16
- Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over
- Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over
- Attempted rape of a male aged under 16
- Attempted rape of a male aged under 16
- Attempted rape of a male aged 16 or over
- Attempted rape of a male aged 16 or over
- Rape of a female child under 13 by a male
- Rape of a female child under 13 by a male
- Rape of a male child under 13 by a male
- Rape of a male child under 13 by a male
- Attempted rape of a female child under 13 by a male
- Attempted rape of a female child under 13 by a male
- Attempted rape of a male child under 13 by a male
- Attempted rape of a male child under 13 by a male
- Assault on a male by penetration
- Assault on a male child under 13 by penetration
- Assault on a female by penetration
- Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration

A filter was then applied to the MO free text for the following terms (as provided via clarification):

- Learning disability
- Learning disabilities
- Learning difficulty
- Learning difficulties
- Intellectual disability
- Intellectual disabilities
- Autism
- Autistic

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There is a total of 4 records as a result of the above searches. Please note that due to the low number, the data will be presented in uncorrelated tables.

Offence	Total
Rape of female 16+	3
Rape of female -13 by a male	1

Outcome	Total
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	1
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	3

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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