



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_1072

E-mail: FOI

@gloucestershire.police.uk

Direct dial: 01452 754304

Postal Address: As above

Date: 15/12/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1072

On 07/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you please provide me with a list of all the crimes recorded by your force for the offence Aiding Suicide (offence classification number 07601) since the start of January 2015.

For each crime could you please provide the date, location, description and outcome.

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 of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2015 and 06/11/2025 where offences falling under the Home Office Offence Classification of 076/01 – Aiding Suicide.

Please note that due to the low number of records, the description of the offence is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2) Personal Information.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained with the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

The results have been broken down in the table below.

Local Policing Area / Outcome	Year						Total
	2017	2019	2020	2021	2023	2024	
CHELTENHAM							
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Does Not Support - Suspect Identified.	1		1				2
Investigation Complete - No Suspect.			1				1
COTSWOLD							
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Supports - Suspect Identified.		1					1
GLOUCESTER							
Charged Or Summons Issued.				1			1
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Does Not Support - Suspect Identified.						1	1
Evidential Difficulties - Ip Supports - Suspect Identified.					1		1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect.					1		1
TOTAL	1	1	2	1	2	1	8

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary