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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_ 25_1118

On 17/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. For each calendar year since the offence of controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship was introduced (December 2015), please provide the number of crimes recorded by your force under this offence. Please provide a figure for each full year 2016 - 2025
2. For the corresponding period as (1) and for the same offence, please provide the number of those cases that resulted in a charge being authorised by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).
3. For the corresponding period as (1+2), and for the same offence, please provide the number of those cases that resulted in the charged individual being found guilty at any court.

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.

Q1. Q2. A search was conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2025 where the HO Class is recorded as being 008/67 which returned the following results:

008/67 Engage in controlling/ coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship											
Outcome	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
1 - Charged/Summons	2	19	18	18	21	28	34	37	33	17	227
10 - Not in the public interest (Police)			1	1		1					3
12 - Prosecution prevented - suspect too ill/dead							2	2	6	1	11
13 - Prosecution prevented - victim/key witness too ill/dead			1			1	2	4	7	3	18
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action		1	2	4		3	10	14	17	9	60
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	2	19	33	69	63	114	283	350	311	208	1452
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	6	35	84	169	182	395	514	575	617	594	3171
17 - Prosecution time limit expired			1	1		1	1	2	2	1	9
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified		1	3	2		2	4	17	11	10	50
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	2			2	1	4	37	13	13	14	86
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest			2	5	3	1	1			4	16
22 - Diversionary						1			1		2
3 - Adult Caution			3		2	1	1			1	8

5 - Offender died					1					1	2
8 - Community Resolution								3	1	1	5
Ongoing				1		2	3	4	18	68	96
Grand Total	12	75	148	272	273	554	892	1021	1037	932	5216

Q3. Gloucestershire Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data, therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service.

Please find a link below to their website: www.justice.gov.uk/

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,

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