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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1139

On 24/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following recorded crime statistics held in your force's databases for the period 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2024 (or latest available):

1. Crimes recorded at Christian places of worship

Please provide the number of recorded crimes where the premises type / location category is recorded or coded as: Church / Chapel / Christian place of worship / Churchyard / graveyard associated with a church.

Please provide totals broken down by calendar year.

If your force uses alternative terms or codes for churches, please use your own premises-type code and specify the term used.

2. Total crimes recorded (all premises types)

For the same period, please provide the total number of crimes recorded at all premises types, by calendar year. (This allows for proportional comparison.)

3. Recording practice clarification

If your force does not record premises type in a searchable field, please confirm:

whether premises type is stored in any structured field,

whether it is searchable,

the earliest date from which it becomes searchable (if applicable).

Important notes to avoid Section 12

To be clear:

I am not requesting case files, free-text logs, or narrative searches.

I am requesting only pre-existing aggregated data from structured fields, such as premises-type codes, building-type fields, MO location fields, or other location categories used in your crime-recording system.

If some years cannot be extracted within the cost limit, please provide all years that can be extracted, and state the earliest year available.

Note on standard practice

Many UK police forces, including yours, routinely publish crime-location data through open-data portals using premises-type codes. This request seeks the same aggregated data, not individual records.

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 searches of the Constabulary's crime recording database, we were able to search for all substantiated crimes between 01/01/2010 and 23/11/2025 that took place in a church or churchyard as these are the only location tags we were able to apply to filter the information.

Total crimes, organised by calendar year, recorded at a church / churchyard:

Year	Crimes recorded at a church / churchyard
2010	48
2011	49
2012	32
2013	37
2014	47
2015	62

2016	27
2017	49
2018	45
2019	85
2020	107
2021	121
2022	159
2023	161
2024	121
2025	133

Total crimes, organised by calendar year, recorded at all premises types:

Year	Crimes recorded in all locations
2010	15715
2011	15455
2012	13937
2013	13343
2014	13698
2015	14365
2016	15231
2017	18698
2018	20078
2019	28697
2020	39369
2021	43605
2022	57437
2023	53740
2024	46890
2025	41154

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 –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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