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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1146

On 26/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1) Please can you state for offences recorded by your force, the number in which the crime report text (described as modus operandi reports by many forces) contains a mention of "roblox" in each of the following calendar years:

i) 2020

ii) 2021

iii) 2022

iv) 2023

v) 2024

Additionally, can you please state the type of crime too.

2) Please can you provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force for the most recent year available - for example between October 2024 and October 2025.

3) How many instances of offences were reported to the police forced regarding the game "Roblox". Please provide a breakdown of the type of offence i.e. "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13", "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16", "Sexual grooming", "Engage in sexual communication with a child". 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 searches of the Constabulary's crime recording database for substantiated crimes in the years 2020-2024, in which the crime report text contains the keyword "roblox", the following information can be shared in response to your questions. To ensure that any risk of identifying individuals is reduced, it is not possible to break down the types of crimes by calendar year.

Year	Number of Crimes in which "Roblox" appears in MO free text
2020	2
2021	5
2022	2
2023	2
2024	3

Type of Offence	Total
Cause / incite child prostitution/pornography child 13 - 17	1
Cause / incite female -13 to engage in sex act no penetration	1
Engage in sexual communication with a child	3
Harassment no violence	1
Malicious communications	3
RORA harassment/stalking w.o. violence	1
Take/make indecent photo of children	4
Total	14

Please find attached a PDF document of the redacted free text crime reports: FOI_25_1146_Redacted MO Text.

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

MO Text

VICTIM IS [REDACTED] OLD AND HAS MET A PERSON CALLING HIMSELF [REDACTED] ON A GAMING PLATFORM CALLED ROBLOX. AFTER INITIAL COMMUNICATION [REDACTED] HAS ASKED THE VICTIM TO COMMUNICATE USING A SYSTEM CALLED DISCORD. THIS PLATFORM HAS BEEN USED TO SEND MESSAGES, CHAT AND VOICE CALL. DURING THIS DIALOGUE THE SUSPECT HAS ASKED THE VICTIM FOR 'NUDES' TO BE SENT. THE VICTIM HAS REFUSED. THE PARENT HAS LATER SPOKEN TO THE SUSPECT BELIEVING HIM TO SOUND LIKE AN ADULT.

UNKNOWN MALE HAS MADE CONTACT WITH AN [REDACTED] YEAR OLD FEMALE THROUGH ROBLOX GAME WHERE THE FEMALE PROVIDED HER PHONE NUMBER. THE MALE BEGAN MESSAGING THE FEMALE ASKING FOR THE FEMALE TO SEND NAKED PICTURES. THE FEMALE HAS SENT NAKED PHOTOS OF HER BREAST AND GENITAL AREAS AT DIFFERENT ANGLES. THE MALE HAS SENT LOTS OF PHOTOS OF HIS ERECT PENIS AND MADE LOTS OF SEXUAL COMMENTS TO THE FEMALE SUCH AS [REDACTED] AND "[REDACTED]" ETC. IT IS CLEAR THE FEMALE IS A CHILD AS SHE HAS SENT A PICTURE OF HER FACE. ONE OF THE MESSAGES FROM THE MALE ASKED THE FEMALE TO SEND A PHOTO OF HER GENITALS WITH HER FINGER IN IT WHICH SHE HAS DONE.

THE VICTIM BLOCKED THE SUSPECT ON A GAMING PLATFORM ROBLOX AND DISQUAL WHICH IS A COMMUNICATION PLATFORM. IN BLOCKING HIM FROM THESE GAMES, THE SUSPECT HAS THEN HACKED THE VICTIM'S EMAIL ADDRESS AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. SUSPECT ALSO CALLED THE VICTIM A [REDACTED] ONLINE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS ACCOUNT HAS NOW BEEN CLOSED BY THE VICTIM AND THERE WAS NO FINANCIAL LOSS. THE SUSPECT ALSO SENT AN EMAIL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WITH ALL THE PERSONAL INFORMATION HE HAD FOUND ONLINE OF THE VICTIM. THE SUSPECT TOLD THE VICTIM THE NEXT 3 MONTHS WOULD BE LETHAL. THE VICTIM HAS BEEN CAUSED ALARM, HARASSMENT AND DISTRESS.

AT [REDACTED] UTC ON [REDACTED] THE USER OF YOUTUBE ACCOUNT [REDACTED]" BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED] POSTED A SELF GENERATED VIDEO NAMED "[REDACTED]" THE VIDEO WAS POSTED WITH TITLE "[REDACTED]" AND DESCRIPTION [REDACTED]

THE VICTIM IS AN [REDACTED] YR OLD FEMALE WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN ACTING DIFFERENTLY TOWARDS HER PARENTS. THE PARENT HAS DECIDED TO CHECK THE VICTIMS LAPTOP AND PHONE, AND HAS DISCOVERED DISTURBING MESSAGES. THE MESSAGES DONT APPEAR TO BE FROM A CHILD AS THEY CONTAIN POEMS, THAT WOULD NOT BE WRITTEN BY A CHILD. ALSO COMMENTS SUCH AS [REDACTED]' AND "[REDACTED]" MESSAGES FROM THE OFFENDER HAVE ALSO BEEN FOUND ON 'ROBLOX' AND 'DISCORD'

THE MOTHER OF THE MALE VICTIM [REDACTED] HAS CONTACTED POLICE REGARDS ONGOING ONLINE ABUSE THAT HE IS RECEIVING FROM AN UNKNOWN OFFENDER. THE VICTIM HAS THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO BLOCK INDIVIDUALS WHO DON'T FOLLOW THE RULES THAT ARE SET OUT FOR GOOD ON LINE GAMING. [REDACTED] THE VICTIM HAS BLOCKED AN UNKNOWN PERSON FOR BEING RACIAL ABUSIVE WHILST PLAYING WHICH RESULTED IN THE VICTIM BEING ABUSED BY THE INDIVIDUAL ON LINE - THIS WAS CRIMED / THEN CLOSED NO SUSPECT. TODAY IT IS REPORTED THAT THE VICTIM IS RECEIVING FURTHER ABUSE ON LINE, THAT THEY HAVE LOCATED HIM WITHIN A [REDACTED] OF GLOUCESTER AND THAT THEY KNOW PEOPLE IN THE AREA AND THAT THEY WILL GET THEM TO FIND HIM AND 'RAPE' HIM. IT APPEARS THAT THE OFFENDER KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THE VICTIM SUCH AS WHERE HE GOES TO COLLEGE. THE CALLER HAS EXPLAINED THAT HER SON IS NOT THE ONLY VICTIM OF THESE MESSAGES AND THAT THERE ARE OTHER CHILDREN IN THE 'ROBLOX COMMUNITY RECEIVING THEM TOO, (ROBLOX IS AN ONLINE GAME PLATFORM AND GAME CREATION SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY ROBLOX CORPORATION. IT ALLOWS USERS TO PROGRAM GAMES AND PLAY GAMES CREATED BY OTHER USERS). THE CALLER AND THE VICTIM ARE ALARMED BY THE THREATS MADE.

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THE VICTIM IS A CHILD WHO HAS BUILT UP A NUMBER OF PETS WHILST PLAYING THE COMPUTER GAME 'ROBLOX' THE VICTIM HAS AGREED TO TRANSFER THESE PETS TO THE OFFENDER, USER NAME [REDACTED] AND HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN ADVANCE. THE OFFENDER HAS THEN SENT A MESSAGE TO THE VICTIM SAYING "[REDACTED]". [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. THE VICTIM ACCEPTED A FRIEND REQUEST FROM [REDACTED]' AND THE VICTIM'S ACCOUNT WAS APPARENTLY HACKED STRAIGHT AFTER.

VICTIM HAS BEEN BEFRIENDED VIA ROBLOX AND SNAPCHAT DETAILS EXCHANGED AND SUSPECT HAS THEN ASKED FEMALE CHILD FOR IMAGES AND VIDEOS OF HER PERFORMING SEXUAL ACTS ON HERSELF. SUSPECT HAS ALSO SENT HER VIDEOS OF HIM MASTURBATING.

SUSPECT HAS COMMUNICATED WITH THE VICTIM WHO IS [REDACTED] VIA ROBLOX AND THEN CONTINUED CONVERSATION ONTO DISCORD. AS A RESULT OF THIS THE VICTIM HAS SENT IMAGES OF AN EXPLICIT NATURE TO THE SUSPECT.

SUSPECT HAS BEEN MESSAGING THE VICTIM ON ROBLOX ON HER DAD'S PHONE, MESSAGES SAYING [REDACTED] " [REDACTED] " [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] " [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VICTIM WAS COMMUNICATING WITH AN ADULT MALE (SUSPECT) VIA ROBLOX. THE MESSAGES WERE THEN THROUGH WHATSAPP WHERE IT BECAME SEXUALISED. A SEXUALISED MESSAGE FROM THE SUSPECT INCLUDED, THAT THE VICTIM MADE HIM HORNY.

THE SUSPECT, USER OF A ROBLOX ACCOUNT, UPLOADED A VIDEO OF INDECENT IMAGES OF CHILDREN.

AT [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] THE USER OF A ROBLOX ACCOUNT UPLOADED INDECENT MEDIA OF A CHILD TO THE INTERNET