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Our reference: FOI_ 25_1219

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_ 25_1219

On 23/12/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to missing person reports recorded by your force over the last five complete calendar years (or financial years, if this is how the data is held):

1. The total number of individuals reported missing in each year.
2. Of those reported missing, how many individuals were:
 - a) Located or traced within 24 hours of being reported missing.
3. The number of reported missing persons who were recorded as having:
 - a) Dementia
 - b) Alzheimer's disease(or other recorded cognitive impairments, if grouped together).
4. Any recorded data or estimates held by your force regarding:
 - a) The average number of officer and/or staff hours spent per missing person investigation,
 - b) Or, if individual averages are not recorded, the total officer/staff hours attributed to missing person investigations per year.

If available, I would appreciate the data being broken down by year. If the information is not held in the exact format requested, I would be grateful if it could be provided in the format in which it is already recorded.

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.

1.

Year	People
2021	1,356
2022	1,408
2023	1,109
2024	952
2025	1,816

2.

Duration Missing	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0-8 hrs	879	812	588	427	1983
8-16 hrs	424	423	300	264	699
16-24 hrs	333	347	223	172	383

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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
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary