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Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_1214

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Date: 25/06/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1214

On 19/12/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- How many arrests were made by your force in 2023 for the offence 'encouraging serious self-harm to a child under Section 184 of the Online Safety Act 2023'?
- How many people were charged in your force area for this offence in 2023?
- How many arrests were made by your force in the annual year 2024 for the offence 'encouraging serious self-harm to a child under Section 184 of the Online Safety Act 2023'?
- How many people were charged in your force area for this offence in 2024?
- How many arrests were made by your force in 2025 for the offence 'encouraging serious self-harm to a child under Section 184 of the Online Safety Act 2023'?
- How many people were charged in your force area for this offence in 2025?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

A search was completed for detentions for the stated offence, 005/30 - Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm - Online Safety Act 2023 Sec 184 which gave no results.

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,

Disclosure Officer
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