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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0010

On 06/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of reports made that included the phrase "hare coursing" for the periods between:

- 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023
- 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
- 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

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.

When an Individual contacts the police and it is deemed to be a police matter, an incident will be created on the Incident Recording System. Please note that the system is also largely free text, so the search results are dependent on the detail recorded.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of the incident recording system for the term "hare coursing". This has returned 242 records. The annual totals have been provided below. Please be advised that a manual review of the records would be required to determine if the record is in relation to an event of hare coursing, and not a generalised comment (i.e. notifications from another force).

Period	Total
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023	55
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024	68
1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025	119

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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