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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0024

On 08/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding crimes committed in your police area from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025:

1. How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving theft from/at churches or from/at church property from January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025?
 - a) If possible, please could you clarify how many of the thefts recorded relate to lead being taken from the church roof?
2. How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving assault (physical/violent) at churches or on church property from January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025?
3. How many crimes have been recorded of vandalism by your force on churches or on church property from January 1, 2025 - December 31, 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.

1.

For the year 2025, a search has been conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes where any offence falling under the Home Office Offence Group of Theft has been recorded, and where the MO Code for "Church" has been applied.

Year	Total Theft Offences
2025	45

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Of the results extracted for question one a manual review of the MO was conducted, and I can confirm that there were 2 reported thefts of lead from Churches within the year 2025.

2.

For the year 2025, a search has been conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes where any offence falling under the Home Office Offence Group of Violence Against the Person has been recorded, and where the MO Code for "Church" has been applied.

Year	Total Violence Against the Person Offences
2025	21

3.

For the year 2025, a search has been conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes where any offence falling under the Home Office Offence Group Arson and Criminal Damage has been recorded, and where the MO Code for "Church" has been applied.

In relation to this search, there were 21 offences recorded of criminal damage up to a value of £5000.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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