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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0121

On 30/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please see my Freedom of Information request below. Can you please provide me with any details you can on:

1. The number of offence records listed in your crime database where the social media app 'Snapchat' was used.

Please identify these by conducting a free text search of your crime database, and provide information for every year between 2021 and 2026. Please give a figure for each year.

2. A breakdown of the kind of offences recorded that involved Snapchat, for each year as above.

3. The age and gender of the victims, for each year as above.

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.

A search has been conducted of the crime recording system to identify all substantiated crimes where the term "snapchat" is present within the free text of the MO.

This has returned a total of 1,502 records.

Please see the attached CSV tables for the breakdown of the data as requested.

1. FOI_2026_0121_Offences Count.csv
2. FOI_2026_0121_Sex Count.csv
3. FOI_2026_0121_Age Count.csv

Please note that there may be occasions when more than one victim is linked to a crime record, therefore the totals will differ.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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