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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0153

On 10/02/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide, for each of the last five calendar years, the number of recorded crimes that meet all of the following criteria:

1. The offence involved two or more perpetrators (whether suspected, charged, or convicted), and
2. The offence relates to the organised sexual abuse of children, defined for the purposes of this request as any child sexual abuse involving coordination, planning, or joint activity between multiple offenders.

If your force does not use a specific classification for “organised” child sexual abuse, please provide the number of recorded child sexual abuse offences in which two or more perpetrators were recorded, flagged, or otherwise identified.

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.

Statistics relating to the information requested are regularly submitted by all Forces to the Hydrant Programme however please be advised that statistics have only been collated since 2023. The information being provided in response to your request is therefore the available data from these submissions. Please also note that the submitted data is for all CSE/CSA crimes recorded, not just those with multiple offenders as those figures are extracted from all Force submissions by the Hydrant Programme themselves. More information may be available from them directly. You can access published information here – [The Hydrant Programme](#)

Please see the table below for the annual breakdown of recorded crimes.

Year	Total
2023	1740
2024	1634
2025	1701

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
 Gloucestershire Constabulary