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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0232

On 27/02/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your force.

Please could you provide me with the following information for the current full year of data you have available (e.g 2025) and the previous year, for example: 2024 - 2025.

1. How many instances of offences were reported to the police forced that included the name of the gaming platform "Roblox".

a. A breakdown of the type of offence i.e. "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13", "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16", "Sexual grooming", "Engage in sexual communication with a child", "Social extortion or 'sextortion'."

2) Please can you also provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force for the most recent year available - for example between January 2025 and January 2025.

3) Provide a specific age breakdown for each of these offences towards whom crime was purported

a) and where under-16s, are mentioned, please could you highlight specifically the ages of the teenagers impacted by subsequent offence. E.g 10 years of age, 11 years of ages, 12 years of age etc

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email.

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.

Following searches of the Constabulary's crime recording system, we were able to search for the substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2025 that included the name of the gaming platform "Roblox".

1) Total number of offences: 8

1a) Breakdown of the type of offence:

- i. take/make indecent photo of children: 2 offences
- ii. engage in sexual communication with a child: 3 offences
- iii. send communication threatening death or serious harm: 1 offence
- iv. put people in fear of violence: 1 offence
- v. encouraging or assisting serious self-harm: 1 offence

3) Of the 8 offences, broken down by age:

- I. 0-9 years: 3 offences
- II. 10-17 years: 3 offences
- III. Age not recorded: 2 offences

3a) No further information is held regarding specific ages.

2) With regard to the requested information, the following exemptions apply: Section 40(2) – Personal Information.

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. This is because any release would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which requires that personal information be processed lawfully, fairly and with transparency. The Constabulary will not release any information under the Freedom of Information Act which may result in the identification of an individual and in particular the victim of a crime. Due in part to the low number of crimes covered by your request, the short time period covered by your request and the specific nature of the crimes, it is highly likely that an individual may be identified and this includes the potential for a victim of a crime or their family/ friends to identify themselves in any information disclosed.

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

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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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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