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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0825

On 02/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Hi there,

I write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please acknowledge this request has been received and provide a response within 20 working days. Thank you in advance for your time.

For the last five calendar years (2021 - 2025) and for 2026 to date (1 Jan - 31 Aug), please provide the following information in relation to offences recorded under offence codes 8605 and 8612 (possession of extreme pornographic images).

To identify relevant records, please search any MO text, occurrence summary, crime summary, investigation log, or equivalent free-text field for the terms:

- strangulation
- strangling
- strangle
- strangled
- choking
- choked
- choke
- chokehold
- suffocation
- suffocating
- suffocate
- suffocated
- asphyxiation

For records identified by that search, please provide:

1. The number of matching offences by year;

2. The number that resulted in:

- a. an arrest; and
- b. a charge.

For the cases recorded in 2026, please provide an anonymised summary of the incident. If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit, please let me know how it could be refined. I look forward to your response within the statutory time limit.

Many thanks,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds relevant information.

Following receipt of your request we have sourced the information to our specialist department within the constabulary for clarity, we have searched for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2021 and 31/08/2026. Please see the table below with results.

Count of Outcomes Grouped	Column Labels						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Possess an extreme pornographic image portraying rape			1	1			2
Possess an extreme pornographic image		1	2	4			7
Possess an extreme pornographic image - act threatening a person's life	1		1		2		4
Possess an extreme pornographic image - act with animal	2	5	8	14	13	3	45
Possess an extreme pornographic image - act with corpse	1		1				2
Possess an extreme pornographic image portraying assault by penetration			1	1	1		3
Possess indecent/pseudo photo of child	20	31	25	28	34	17	155
Possess obscene material for gain		4	1				5
Possessing prohibited images of children	2	1	5	8	10	3	29
Take/make indecent photo of children	355	494	591	520	507	302	2769
Total	381	536	636	576	567	325	3021

Row Labels	Count of Outcomes Grouped
1 - Charged/Summons	327
10 - Not in the public interest (Police)	29
11 - Prosecution prevented - suspect under age	35
12 - Prosecution prevented - suspect too ill/dead	12
13 - Prosecution prevented - victim/key witness too ill/dead	3
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	53
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	515
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	282
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	239
2 - Youth Caution	9
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency	94
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	1134
22 - Diversionary	130
3 - Adult Caution	4
4 - Taken into Consideration (TIC)	1
8 - Community Resolution	19
Ongoing	134
Other	1
Total	3021

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
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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