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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0376

On 16/04/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1) For the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial year please state how many juveniles (children aged UNDER 18) you arrested on suspicion of having committed a firearms offence.

2) For the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial year please provide a grid showing the number of arrests for each individual age from 10 to 17 inclusive.

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.

Please be advised that due to a change of recording system, we are currently only able to provide data up to 09/02/2026.

A search has been conducted to identify detentions authorised between 01/04/2024 and 09/02/2026 where at least one of the Reasons For Arrest (RFA) falls under the RFA

category of "Firearms" and the detainee is aged under 18. I can confirm that that a total of 11 records have been identified, consisting of 11 individuals being detained.

The financial year breakdown is as follows:

2024/25 – 7

2025/26 – 4

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
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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