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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0425

On 01/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the last three full calendar years (2023, 2024, 2025):

The total number of recorded crimes where the keyword 'TikTok' or 'Tik Tok' appears in the Modus Operandi (MO) field or Investigation Summary of your crime recording system.

1a) Please breakdown the recorded crimes by the high-level offence type or category (e.g., Harassment, Violence Against the Person, Fraud, sexual offence etc).

1b) Please also breakdown these crimes by the location they were recorded in, specifically by Basic Command Unit (BCU), District, or Borough.

1c) Could you also please breakdown the same recorded crimes by the age of the victim, using standard age brackets (e.g., Under 13, 13–17, 18–24, 25–44, 45+).

To ensure this request remains within the Section 12 cost limit, please rely on automated database queries rather than manual reviews of individual case files. If extracting the location data will push the request over the 18-hour limit, please omit that specific section and prioritize the crime types and victim age data.

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 receipt of your request, searches were conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording system for crimes in 2023, 2024 and 2025 in which 'Tik Tok' or 'TikTok' appears as part of the MO free text. This data was filtered to determine high-level offence group, local policing area (LPA) and age of victim. The information located is shared below.

Total number of crimes: 435

Offence Category	Count
Arson and criminal damage	1
Miscellaneous crimes against society	37
Possession of weapons	1
Public Order	10
Sexual offences	25
Theft	39
Violence against the person	321
Not recorded	1
Total	435

LPA	Count
Cheltenham LPA	42
Cotswolds LPA	52
Forest LPA	61
Gloucester LPA	143
Stroud LPA	62
Tewkesbury LPA	59
Unclassified LPA	16
Total	435

Age of Victim (Age Range)	Count
6-10	4
11-20	159
21-30	93
31-40	75

41-50	35
51-60	10
60+	2
Age not recorded	57

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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