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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0443

On 06/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request a detailed breakdown of data regarding female homicide victims recorded by your force between 1st January 2018, to the present day.

To ensure national consistency, I am requesting the same dataset your force previously provided to the Femicide Census and/or the National Domestic Homicide Project. Please provide the following information in an Excel (.xlsx) or CSV format:

1. Annual Totals: The total number of homicide cases where the victim was female, broken down by calendar year from 2018- present.
2. Relationship to Suspect: For each victim, record the principal suspect's relationship (e.g., Partner, Ex-partner, Parent, Child, Sibling, Other Family, Acquaintance, Stranger, or Unknown/Not Recorded).
3. Prior Police Contact (12-Month Window): For each case, state whether any police contact was recorded in the 12 months preceding the homicide. Please clarify if this contact was:
 - o Between the victim and the suspect specifically.
 - o Involved the suspect in relation to other domestic abuse incidents.
4. Suspect Gender: The sex of the principal suspect/offender for each female homicide case.

Technical Guidance for the Data Office: I am aware that this information is held within your Primary Records Management System (RMS). I request that the data be extracted using standard reporting tools (such as QlikSense, PowerBI, or Business Objects) that link victim profiles to suspect profiles and relationship categories. If your force uses the NICHE system, I refer specifically to the 'Occurrence - People Links' reports.

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording system for all substantiated crimes between 01/01/2018 and 06/05/2026 with the offence recorded as murder. Further to this, searches were conducted of the Constabulary's incident recording systems to check for prior police contact as requested. In response to the questions you asked, please find our responses below.

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.

To prevent the possible identification of individuals, the annual breakdown cannot be shared.

Q1) During the time frame you provided, 16 cases of murder, where the victim was female, took place.

Q2) Principal Suspect Relationship to Victim

Victim	Principal Suspect Relationship
1	Father
2	Father
3	Father
4	Friend/acquaintance/colleague
5	Parent
6	Spouse/Partner
7	Spouse/Partner
8	No known relationship
9	Son
10	Son
11	Son

12	Spouse/Partner
13	No known relationship
14	No known relationship
15	Spouse/Partner
16	No known relationship

Q3) Prior Police Contact - of the 16 cases, 5 had prior contact with the police in the 12 months preceding the suspected murder. In 1 case, domestic abuse was recorded. In the 5 cases where prior contact with police had been recorded, the principal suspect also appeared in the records.

Q4) Suspect Gender – of the 16 cases, 3 principal suspects were female and 13 were male.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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