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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_ 26_0467

On 13/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make a request for information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding reports of crimes at the Cheltenham Horse Racing Festival.

The festival took place on 12th - 15th March in 2024, 11th -14th March in 2025 and 10th - 13th March in 2026.

For each of those years, please can you provide the following data:

1. The number of reports/complaints received by the police about alleged:
 - a. Assaults and associated offences
 - b. Sexual assault and associated offences
 - c. Drunk and disorderly and associated offences
 - d. Drug possession/ intent to supply and associated offences
2. The number of charges that resulted for the offences set out in a – d

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.

A search was completed for substantive recorded crimes between the following dates: 12th - 15th March in 2024, 11th -14th March in 2025, 10th - 13th March in 2026, where the occurrence location was marked as "Cheltenham Racecourse", this provided the following data:

Offence / Disposal	Year			Grand Total
	2024	2025	2026	
Assault w/o Injury	2	3		5
1: Charged	1			1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1			1
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified		1		1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified		1		1
8: Community resolution		1		1
Assault with injury	3	4	1	8
1: Charged	1			1
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		1		1
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1	1		2
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1	1	1	3
3: Adult conditional caution		1		1
Drug trafficking	1			1
3: Adult conditional caution	1			1
Offences against state / public order			3	3
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender			1	1
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified			1	1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified			1	1
Other forgery			2	2
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified			2	2
Other theft/unauth taking	1	1	3	5
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1	1	3	5

Possession of Drugs(Excluding Cannabis)	1	2	1	4
10: Police - formal action not in public interest			1	1
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	1		2
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified		1		1
Sexual assault on female 13+	1			1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1			1
Shoplifting	1	2		3
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1	2		3
Theft from the person of another	7	2	1	10
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	7	2	1	10
Theft/unauth taking m/veh	1			1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1			1
Grand Total	18	14	11	43

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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