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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0468

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

Can you please provide the following information for each calendar year from 2016 to 2025 (and if data for 2026 is available up to the point of this email):

1. The number of sexual offences recorded by your force where the victim was under the age of 18 and the alleged perpetrator was identified as a sports coach, sports instructor, or an adult working in a sporting capacity.
2. A breakdown of those figures by the type of offence, where possible (e.g. rape, sexual assault, other sexual offences).
3. If recorded, the age range of victims at the time of the offence (e.g. under 13, 13 to 15, 16 to 17).

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording system for crimes of abuse of position of trust from 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2025. I conducted a manual search of the free text MO fields to determine the crimes committed by adults in positions of trust within sport, such as coaches, trainers, managers, or other adults working directly with young athletes. The information retrieved is shared below in response to your questions.

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.

Q1 - 6 crime reports were identified where the victim was under the age of 18 and the alleged perpetrator was identified as a sports coach, sports instructor, or an adult working in a sporting capacity.

Q2 - The following is a breakdown of the offences recorded for the 6 crimes listed in Q1.

Offence	Count
Abuse of trust: sex act with female 13 - 17	4
Abuse of trust: sex act with male 13 - 17	1
Abuse trust: sex act in presence of child 13 - 17	1

Q3 - For the 6 crimes

- no victim age was recorded for one of the cases
- 2 victims were ages 13-15
- 3 victims were aged 16-17

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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