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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0488

On 20/05/2026 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 the following information relating to girls and boys aged 16 and under who were homicide victims recorded by your force between 1 January 2018 and the most recent date available in 2026.

Please provide annual totals for:

1. Girls aged 16 and under killed, broken down by:

- suspect sex (male/female/unknown)
- relationship between victim and suspect, where recorded
- broad cause or method of killing

2. Boys aged 16 and under killed, broken down by:

- suspect sex (male/female/unknown)
- relationship between victim and suspect, where recorded
- broad cause or method of killing

For relationship categories, where recorded, please use broad groupings such as:

- Parent
- Step-parent
- Family member
- Acquaintance

- Stranger
- Unknown / not recorded

For cause/method categories, where recorded, please use broad groupings such as:

- Sharp instrument
- Blunt force
- Strangulation/suffocation
- Shooting
- Neglect
- Other
- Unknown

Please also separately identify:

- the number of girls aged 16 and under killed by a male suspect.

I am requesting statistical information only and no personal data.

If possible, please provide the information in Excel or CSV format.

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 for substantiated crimes from 01/01/2018 – 31/01/2026 for male and female victims aged 16 and under where the offences included murder (aged 1 year or over) and murder (aged under 1 year). In response to the questions you asked, the following information can be shared:

Girls aged 16 and under killed

- 4 crimes
- All 4 crimes identified 'family/father' as relationship between offender and victim
- Broad method of killing included: domestic violence, head injury, brain injury & unknown.

Boys aged 16 and under killed

- 1 crime
- No known relationship to offender
- Broad method of killing: stab wounds

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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