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Our reference: FOI_26_0610

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Date: 03/09/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0610

On 30/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about the use of the new spiking offence introduced in the Crime and Policing Act.

Please provide data relating to the new and updated spiking offence inserted into the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, which commenced on 29 April 2026.

For the period 29 April 2026 to the date this request is processed, please provide:

1. The number of offences recorded by your force under this new spiking offence.
2. A breakdown of those offences by current investigation outcome or police action, including where available:
 - o Arrest made;
 - o Suspect charged or summonsed;
 - o Out-of-court disposal;
 - o No further action;
 - o Investigation ongoing;
 - o Any other outcome category used by your force.
3. Gender and age of victims and suspects (if the force holds that information)
4. The date on which the data was extracted.

If your force cannot search specifically for this new offence, please explain how such offences are recorded and whether they are grouped under another offence code or category.

Please provide the information in Excel or CSV format.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

Following receipt of your request, a subject matter expert conducted a search for the relevant and recorded information required to answer your questions. The SME located Section 134 of the Crime and Policing Plan 2026 in which the offence you referenced is cited. As this offence, at the time of your request, is listed as “prospective”, we are not able to search our systems for it and therefore, we hold no relevant information. Should you wish to submit a new Freedom of Information request, we would be able to search for crime information using the previous offence, as listed on the Home Office Crime Recording Rules: [Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers, staff - GOV.UK](#).

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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