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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_ 26_0611

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

The number of reports received of number plates cloned for each year: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The number of people charged with "fraudulent use of a registration mark" for each year: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

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 conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded from 01 Jan 2020 and 31 Dec 2025. The data has then been filtered so that results are only returned under home office class '814/03'. This gave the following results:

Offence / Disposal	2020	2021	2022	2024	2025	Grand Total
Fraud/forgery reg & licensing docs						
1 - Charged/Summons	1	2	1	3	1	8
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	1	1	2		1	5
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	3					3
Grand Total	5	3	3	3	2	16

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
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Yours sincerely,

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