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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0614

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

1) Please can you state for crime reports recorded by your force, the number in which the crime report text (described as modus operandi reports by many forces) contains a mention of "Spotify" in each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2022
- ii) 2023
- iii) 2024
- iv) 2025
- v) 2026 (up to June 1)

Additionally, for part 1 - can you please state the type of offence too.

2) Please can you provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force in between 1 January and 1 June 2026.

If fulfilling this request exceeds the cost limit, please advise on how I may refine it to fall within the limits.

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 database for substantiated crimes committed between 01/01/2022 and 31/05/2026 which contain the key word "Spotify" in the MO free text.

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.

The information retrieved from the search can be found below.

Year	Crimes that contain a mention of Spotify
2022	0
2023	0
2024	0
2025	5
2026 <i>Up to 1st June</i>	0

For part 2 of your request, no information is held, as all crimes were committed in 2025.

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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