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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0634

On 06/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

I am requesting data on the specific offence of number-plate fraud held by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

This type of offence is recorded under Home Office Code 814/03 offence title "Fraud, forgery etc. associated with registration and licensing documents" under Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 Secs 44 & 45. Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 Sec 65(1)(b) & (2).

Please only include data on the specific offence code 814/03, not including wider vehicle fraud offences in this category.

Please break down the total number of investigations where 814/03 is an included offence, including where it is a secondary/less serious offence in the investigation.

Additionally, please provide a summary count of the number of those investigations which also include a sexual offence or drug offence (there may be crossover/ if one involves both then please count it in all three columns).

I am requesting the data from the financial year beginning in 2023 to the latest available data 2025/2026.

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 has been conducted of the Crime Recording System for the offence of 814/03 – "Fraud, forgery etc. associated with registration and licensing documents"

I can confirm that for the date range requested, there are a total of 2 records both of which are from the 2024/25 financial year.

Both records have been manually reviewed to determine if there are any linked records and I can confirm there are none (0).

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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