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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0641

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

I am seeking information on the following offences under the Public Order Act 2023: Section 1 (locking on), Section 2 (being equipped to lock on) and Section 7 (interference with the use or operation of key national infrastructure).

For each offence, please provide:

1. The number of arrests
2. The number of individuals charged
3. The number of individuals released without further action
4. The number of cases referred to CPS for a charging decision (where recorded).
5. Where possible, please provide the figures in annual breakdowns.

I am looking for this data from 3rd May 2023 (when the Public Order Act received Royal Assent) to the date this request is processed.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no 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 authorised detentions from 03 May 2023 to 15 July 2026. The data was then filtered so that results are only returned under the following CCCJS codes:

- PU23001 - Lock on to person / object / land to cause serious disruption
- PU23002 - Being equipped to lock on

This produced an NIL return.

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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