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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0715

On 28/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary may hold some relevant information.

It relates to women's arrests and domestic abuse flags.

Please note there are two parts of my request. If you are unable to fulfil Part 2, as you do not collect the data or you are not able to retrieve the data under the time limit, I politely ask that you please (a) state the reason for your refusal and (b) complete Part 1 of the request.

My request relates to the following offences:

Possession of weapons (offence codes 00826; 00853; 00861; 08103; 08117)

Conspiracy to defraud (offence code 05304)

Possession of a controlled drug Class A (offence codes 09250; 09251; 09252; 09252; 09254; 09259)

Malicious communications (offence code 19541)

Handling stolen goods (offence codes 05401; 05402)

For each of the five offence groups, please provide the following information:

(1)

How many women were arrested for the specific offences in the time period 30 June 2021 up to 30 June 2026?

(2)

How many of the arrested women were flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with their current or former partner, where their current or former partner was the perpetrator of domestic violence?

By this I mean the female suspect arrested for the offence (e.g. handling stolen goods) had been flagged with a domestic violence marker where she is recognised as at risk of DVA, either previous to the arrest or following the arrest

A further email was received on the 29/07/2026 refining the request which was:

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Possession of weapons (offence codes 00826; 00853; 00861; 08103; 08117)

Conspiracy to defraud (offence code 05304)

Possession of a controlled drug Class A (offence codes 09250; 09251; 09252; 09252; 09254; 09259)

For each of the three offence groups, please provide the following information:

(1)

How many women were arrested for the specific offences in the time period 30 June 2024 up to 30 June 2026?

(2)

How many of the arrested women were flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with their current or former partner, where their current or former partner was the perpetrator of domestic violence?

By this I mean the suspect arrested for the offence (e.g. handling stolen goods) had been flagged with a domestic violence marker where she is recognised as at risk of DVA, either previous to the arrest or following the arrest.

Further to this another email was received on the 29/07/2026 further altering the request:

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(1)

How many women were arrested for the specific offences in the time period 30 June 2024 up to 30 June 2026?

(2)

How many of the arrested women were flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with their current or former partner, where their current or former partner was the perpetrator of domestic violence?

By this I mean the suspect arrested for the offence (e.g. handling stolen goods) had been flagged with a domestic violence marker where she is recognised as at risk of DVA, either previous to the arrest or following the arrest.

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 between 01/07/2024 and 30/06/2026 where the offence was one listed in the query. This was then filtered by where the victim was identified as being female. It was not possible to add a DA flag to the search however a manual search of each record was completed to identify if they had a DA Flag. Please note that our system will only place flags on records that have been assessed as a high risk domestic abuse victim or suspect. This gave the following data:

Date / Offence	Total	HR DA Victim	HR DA Suspect
2024			
Jul			
Possess cocaine class A	2	0	
Possess heroin class A	1	0	
Aug			
Have article blade/point -public place	1	0	
Possess class A drug Other	1	0	

Possess crack cocaine class A	1	0	
Threaten with an offensive weapon in public	0	0	1
Sep			
Have article blade/point -public place	2	0	
Obtain grp1 firearm etc no cert	1	0	
Possess class A drug Other	1	0	
Possess cocaine class A	1	0	
Nov			
Possess cocaine class A	1	0	
Dec			
Threaten with an offensive weapon in public	1	0	
2025			
Jan	2	0	
Have article blade/point -public place	2	0	
Mar			
Have article blade/point -public place	2	0	
Apr			
Have article blade/point -public place	1	0	
Possess class A drug Other	2	0	
May			
Have article blade/point -public place	4	0	
Possess cocaine class A	1	0	
Jun			
Involved in handling stolen goods	2	0	
Possess class A drug Other	2	0	
Possess cocaine class A	1	0	
Jul			
Have article blade/point -public place	2	0	
Possess class A drug Other	2	0	
Possess cocaine class A	1	0	1

Aug			
Have article blade/point -public place	2	0	1
Possess class A drug Other	2	0	
Sep			
Have article blade/point -public place	1	0	
Possess class A drug Other	0	0	1
Oct			
Have article blade/point -public place	1	0	
Nov			
Have article blade/point -public place	1	0	
Possess class A drug Other	3	0	
2026			
Jan			
Possess class A drug Other	1	0	
Feb			
Possess class A drug Other	1	0	
Threaten with an offensive weapon in public	2	0	
Mar			
Have article blade/point -public place	1	0	1
May			
Possess cocaine class A	2	0	
Possess crack cocaine class A	1	0	
Grand Total	53	0	5

In regards to Standard and Medium assessments of DA unfortunately there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each incident that the suspect had been involved in to see if there was a DA flag. This would involve the review of hundreds of records and would therefore take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Section 16 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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