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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0717

On XXX you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for reporting purposes.

I am seeking information relating to recorded crimes involving the use of a kirpan (the Sikh ceremonial sword).

For each calendar year from 1 January 2021 to 27 July 2026 (or the most recent data available), please provide:

1. The number of recorded crimes in which a "kirpan", "Sikh ceremonial sword", or "Sikh dagger" is recorded as having been used, possessed, or otherwise associated with the offence.
2. A breakdown of those offences by offence type or Home Office offence category for each year.
3. A redacted copy of the crime report, incident summary, MO (modus operandi) text, occurrence log, or other free-text narrative relating to each offence, with all personal data and information identifying individuals removed as necessary.

If your force records this information through keyword searches rather than structured fields, I would be grateful if you could search for the terms "kirpan", "Sikh dagger" and "Sikh ceremonial sword" within relevant crime recording systems.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

Following receipt of your request, a search was carried out of the Constabulary's crime recording database for all crimes from 01/01/2021 to 27/07/2026 in which the following key

words "kirpan", "Sikh ceremonial sword", or "Sikh dagger" appeared in the crime (free text) record. 0 records were returned.

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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