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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 26_0740

On 03/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information for all individuals convicted of serious offences (including sexual offences against adults, child sexual abuse and exploitation, murder, manslaughter, serious violence and assault, domestic abuse and coercive control, modern slavery and trafficking, serious drugs offences and serious weapons offences) in your force area between 1 January 2024 and 31 July 2026:

- (a) The nationality of each convicted individual as recorded on your systems.
- (b) Whether their immigration status was recorded, and if so what it was.
- (c) Whether their self-defined ethnicity, heritage or country of birth was recorded, and if so what it was.
- (d) The date of conviction, court, sentence type and length, age at conviction, and gender.

I request this information at individual record level. If providing individual records would exceed the cost limit under section 12 of the Act, I would accept anonymised data (without names or dates of birth) broken down by offence type, nationality recorded, immigration status recorded, self-defined ethnicity recorded, heritage recorded, and country of birth recorded — but only if individual-level disclosure would otherwise cause the request to be refused on cost grounds. Please do not aggregate the data unless this is the sole alternative to refusal.

A further email was received on 04/08/2026 which reads:

This request replaces any earlier Freedom of Information request I made on the subject of the Serious Crime Audit. It is a single, clearly described request and is not subject to any cost condition; please do not treat it as invalid under section 8(1)(c).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide, at individual record level (one row per person), for each individual charged with, or convicted of, serious offences (sexual offences against adults; child sexual abuse and exploitation; murder; manslaughter; serious violence and assault; domestic abuse and coercive control; modern slavery and trafficking; serious drugs offences; serious weapons offences) in your force area between 1 January 2024 and 31 July 2026:

- (a) the individual's name (or, if names cannot be released under section 40, a row per person without the name);
- (b) their nationality as recorded on your systems;
- (c) their immigration status, where recorded;
- (d) their self-defined ethnicity, heritage or country of birth, where recorded;
- (e) the outcome recorded on your systems — including any charge, conviction, sentence and date.

Please note the following, which address points authorities have raised:

1. This asks only for information already held in recorded fields on your systems. It is not a request for a manual, case-by-case file review.
2. Where a field is not recorded, please simply confirm that it is not recorded. A "not recorded" answer is a complete and acceptable answer — I am not asking you to research, generate or extract anything you do not already hold.
3. If conviction outcomes are held by the courts rather than by your force, please still provide what your force does hold (for example charge/arrest records and any outcome recorded on your systems). Please do not decline the request solely on the basis that convictions are held elsewhere.
4. I do not want aggregate, summary or totals-only figures in place of the individual records.
5. If you consider that answering in full would exceed the cost limit in section 12, please tell me which specific part causes that and I will discuss narrowing it with you. Please do not close or refuse the request without giving me that opportunity, and please do not substitute aggregate figures.

A further email was received on 04/08/2026 which reads:

Earlier today I submitted an FOI request. This is the Consolidated class-reference list for inclusion in the FOI Response.

The compact reference set for the project is:

Project category	Home Office class references
Sexual offences against adults	19C, 19F, 19J, 19K, 17A, 20A, 22A, 24, 88C, 88E, conditionally 66
Child sexual abuse and exploitation	19D, 19E, 19G, 19H, 19J, 19K, 17A, 17B, 20A, 20B, 21, 22B, 71, 86, 88A, relevant 88C/88E, 24, 106, plus CSA/CSE flags

Murder and manslaughter 1, 2, 3A, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 4/7, 4/10
 Serious violence and assault 2, 3A, 3B, 5D, 5E, 8N, 8S, 8T, 36, 62A, 66, serious 8R
 Domestic abuse and coercive control Domestic Abuse flag; 8U, 8Q, 8L, 8M, 8R, 36,
 relevant 1–5D, 8N, rape and sexual classes
 Modern slavery and trafficking 106, 24, 27, plus the linked substantive victim offence
 Serious drugs 92A, relevant 92C, and drug-related 38
 Serious weapons 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, 81

Operational wording for amended FOI requests

Please search by both the Home Office class and the full Home Office offence classification code. For domestic abuse, child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation, please also search the relevant mandatory crime flags, as these categories are not represented by a single offence classification. Please provide the HO class, full HO offence code, offence description and all applicable DA, CSA, CSE, online, honour-based-abuse and spiking flags for each record.

These references are best used for requests concerning recorded offences, charged persons or police outcomes. The rules expressly state that the classification recorded initially may not be the same offence with which the suspect is eventually charged.

I request that all FOI responses and disclosed data be supplied electronically. Under section 11 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a requester may state a preference for:

- Electronic rather than paper disclosure
- A specific electronic format, including Excel, CSV, Word or PDF
- A reusable electronic format where the information is held as a dataset

Because your requests were submitted by email, the normal reasonable approach would be for the forces to reply by email and attach the disclosure electronically. The fact that your postal address appears in the request does not require them to send the response through the post.

Electronic disclosure preference

For the avoidance of doubt, I would prefer all correspondence and disclosed information relating to this request to be supplied electronically by email.

Where the requested information is held as structured data, please provide it in a reusable, machine-readable format, preferably Microsoft Excel (.xlsx) or CSV (.csv).

Where structured electronic disclosure is not reasonably practicable, please provide the information electronically in a searchable PDF or Word format.

Please do not send paper copies by post unless electronic disclosure is not reasonably practicable.

A further clarification email was received on 25/08/2026, which reads:

This is a brief supplementary clarification to my FOI request ref SCA-FINAL-2026. It does not change the scope of my request.

Where my request asks for immigration status, please search and return data from all immigration-related fields held on your system. Some systems record these as separate searchable fields, specifically:

- Immigration status
- Asylum seeker status
- Refugee status

- Visa status
- Country of birth
- Citizenship/Nationality

If your custody system holds Immigration Status as a predefined dropdown (for example with values such as Asylum, Dependants, Employment, Illegal, Temporary Admission, Unknown, Visitor), please include those values in the disclosed data.

Where any of these fields are not held or not recorded on your system, please simply confirm that. A "not recorded" or "not held" answer remains a complete and acceptable answer.

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

Section 17 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.

While a summary could be provided, the request specifically states "I do not want aggregate, summary or totals-only figures in place of the individual records.". With regard to the disclosure of individual records, even while redacting the name, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

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

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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