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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_26\_0747**

On 05/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

How many arrests were made in your police force area related to the drug known as 'monkey dust' (a synthetic cathinone called MDPV - Methylenedioxypyrovalerone) in the years 2023-25 (broken down per year) and 2026 to date?

How many drug seizures were carried out?

2a) How much in £ was this worth/amount to?

If this is carried out by searching crime records with specific words, you can use the words ""monkey dust"" or ""MDPV"" or ""Methylenedioxypyrovalerone"".

Could I have this per calendar year if possible, if not financial year or whichever 12-month reporting period is most easily accessible would be great.

If it is not possible to provide some of the data requested, I would be grateful if you could provide whichever elements of this FOI request are eligible for release.

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

Following receipt of your request, two searches were conducted to locate any relevant and recorded information in response to your questions. The first was of Gloucestershire Constabulary's property seizure database. A key word search was applied to look for anything listed as "monkey", which resulted in retrieving 0 records. The second was of the Constabulary's crime recording database. A search was conducted for authorised detentions where the reason for arrest (RFA) was 'Drugs Possession Class B'. This search

was conducted for the period 01/01/2023 to 08/02/2026 as Gloucestershire Constabulary's systems changed over at this point and we only have access to this data range at present. A key word search was applied for 'Monkey Dust' and 0 records were returned. For fullness, further searches were conducted of the property seizure log and 0 records were located for "MDPV" and for Methylenedioxypyrovalerone.

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post – Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary