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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request for: 26\_0782**

On 17/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request the below information under the Freedom of Information Act:

**Questions**

1. The total number of recorded offences of indecent images (still or moving) of children and prohibited images of children for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.
2. The number of recorded offences which related to pseudo images of children or where Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated child abuse image was detected for both periods.
3. For each offence for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, please break it down by the platform used to commit the offence where known using the following key word search: Snapchat, Facebook/Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp, X/Twitter, Kik, TikTok, YouTube, Discord, Skype, Facetime, Roblox, Oculus, VR, Metaverse, Only Fans, Signal, iCloud, iMessage, Dropbox, Mega, Patreon, Reddit, Imgur, and other social media or messaging site, other cloud storage sites and online gaming.
4. What is the total number of perpetrators linked to the offences for both years in question A?

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording database from 01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025 and 01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026 for the

offences:

- 086/02 – Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children
- 086/10 - Possession of an indecent or pseudo indecent photo of a child

The relevant and recorded information retrieved in response to your questions can be found below.

Q1 & Q2

**1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

| Offence                                | Count |
|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Possess indecent/pseudo photo of child | 1     |
| Take/make indecent photo of children   | 192   |
| Total                                  | 193   |

**1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026**

| Offence                                | Count |
|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Possess indecent/pseudo photo of child | 1     |
| Take/make indecent photo of children   | 208   |
| Total                                  | 209   |

Q3

**1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

| Count | Platform  |
|-------|-----------|
| 19    | KIK       |
| 4     | FACEBOOK  |
| 81    | SNAPCHAT  |
| 6     | DROPBOX   |
| 31    | INSTAGRAM |
| 1     | REDDIT    |
| 11    | DISCORD   |
| 14    | YOUTUBE   |
| 7     | WHATSAPP  |
| 2     | Roblox    |
| 1     | Skype     |

|    |           |
|----|-----------|
| 2  | TikTok    |
| 11 | X/Twitter |
| 2  | Mega NZ   |
| 1  | FaceTime  |

#### 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

| Count | Platform  |
|-------|-----------|
| 59    | KIK       |
| 77    | SNAPCHAT  |
| 1     | DROPBOX   |
| 24    | INSTAGRAM |
| 5     | REDDIT    |
| 18    | DISCORD   |
| 7     | YOUTUBE   |
| 9     | WHATSAPP  |
| 2     | Skype     |
| 1     | OME TV    |
| 3     | X/Twitter |
| 1     | OCULUS    |
| 2     | Skype     |

Q4

#### 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

32 offenders

#### 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

29 offenders

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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely,

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