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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0895

On 22/09/2026 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 relating to stop and search encounters carried out by Gloucestershire Police.

For each calendar year from 2015 to 2025, or the most recent period for which data are available, please provide the number of stop and search encounters and, where available, the percentage that each category represents of all stop and search encounters in that calendar year, broken down by:

- * sex
- * age group
- * ethnic group
- * reason/legal power for search (e.g. Section 1 PACE 1984, Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, or other power used)
- * outcome of the search.

Please provide outcome categories as recorded within the stop and search dataset and, where possible, map them to the categories listed below:

- * no further action
- * arrest
- * summons/charged by post
- * penalty notice for disorder
- * caution
- * community resolution
- * other final-outcome categories recorded within the data.

Please include any categories recorded as unknown, not stated, other, or missing, where applicable.

Where the data can be broken down by more than one of the above categories simultaneously (for example, sex and age group together), please provide it on that combined basis. If it is only possible to provide single-category breakdowns, please provide those instead.

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.

Following receipt of your request, a search for all stop search data between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2025 was conducted. Filters were applied to the data to answer the questions you asked. Please note, 01/01/2017 is as early as we can search. I can confirm the recorded and relevant information below:

Sex	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Female	197	189	246	387	310	277	330	386	507	2829
Male	1647	1525	2044	2484	1888	1764	1886	2079	2224	17541
Not Specified	56	69	94	130	107	98	122	119	112	907
Not recorded	0	0	0	1	6	3	3	1	1	15
Total	1900	1783	2384	3002	2311	2142	2341	2585	2844	21292

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
0 To 9	3	2	6	3	4	6	4	2	3	33
10 To 17	406	0	512	562	488	467	477	490	493	4292
18 To 24	647	583	766	976	674	569	626	656	651	6148
25 To 34	362	332	482	620	468	402	457	518	576	4217
35 To 44	253	240	254	380	287	293	314	377	468	2866
45 To 54	96	67	129	164	119	141	162	200	239	1317
55 To 64	25	25	32	54	27	26	41	42	71	343

65 and over	7	7	3	9	8	8	8	11	21	82
Not recorded	101	130	200	234	236	230	252	289	322	1994
Total	1900	1783	2384	3002	2311	2142	2341	2585	2844	21292

Reason for Search	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Not Specified	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Other	1	11	12	10	1	5	11	16	12	79
S19 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1	0	3	2	0	1	2		0	9
S2 Poaching Prevention Act 1862	3	3	5	5	12	13	28	9	6	84
S7A Alcohol Schedule 4 Police Reform Act 2002	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sec.1 PACE: Articles for causing criminal damage	25	30	23	39	48	33	49	47	51	345
Sec.1 PACE: Going equipped to steal	160	134	146	191	165	162	172	163	163	1456
Sec.1 PACE: Offensive weapons	178	196	257	338	340	375	386	526	496	3092
Sec.1 PACE: Stolen Property	225	205	256	264	257	254	265	378	415	2519
Sec.139: Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sec.23: Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	1275	1158	1641	2097	1429	1253	1403	1432	1673	13361
Sec.43: Terrorism Act 2000	0	2	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	11
Sec.47: Firearms Act 1968	30	33	31	39	49	24	14	8	19	247
Sec.60: Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994	0	0	0	1	0	14	0	3	1	19
Sec.7: Sporting Events (Control of Intoxicating liquor Alcohol etc) Act 1985	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Not recorded	2	7	10	6	5	6	10	2	7	55

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Outcome	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Advised	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	7
Arrest	282	255	386	431	396	380	490	549	558	3727
Caution (simple or conditional)	18	8	28	25	23	21	9	12	28	172
Community Resolution	5	14	5	10	6	33	161	240	358	832
Khat or Cannabis Warning	126	125	200	231	160	21	20	30	24	937
No Further Action	1325	1238	1571	2028	1523	1425	1432	1566	1676	13784
Not Specified on form	1	0	7	7	2	6	1	2	2	28
Other	100	101	136	194	173	229	207	164	181	1485
Penalty Notice For Disorder	6	12	7	19	6	0	0	0	0	50
Summons /charged by post	37	30	43	50	22	27	21	22	17	269
Verbally Warned	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1900	1783	2384	3002	2311	2142	2341	2585	2844	21292

Ethnicity	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Any Other Asian Background	14	13	29	24	18	17	17	49	35	216
Any Other Black Background	56	54	38	52	49	46	36	53	67	451
Any Other Ethnic Group	8	6	7	13	8	12	14	24	36	128

Any Other Mixed Background	11	23	36	44	33	31	48	52	60	338
Any Other White Background	62	79	106	157	110	99	138	171	190	1112
Arab						2	8	10	11	31
Bangladeshi	12	4	1	13	7	5	4	2	12	60
Black African	24	28	27	32	20	26	27	27	38	249
Black Caribbean	89	56	53	53	36	24	29	28	59	427
British	1442	1295	1788	2170	1639	1526	1580	1649	1819	14908
Chinese	1					1	2	1	2	7
Gypsy or Irish Traveller					1	13	21	18	16	69
Indian	5	12	5	9	6	13	12	18	17	97
Irish	9	13	21	26	25	17	20	15	21	167
Mixed White / Asian	4	5	7	14	8	13	16	14	12	93
Mixed White / Black African	5	11	12	12	7	10	16	17	17	107
Mixed White / Black Caribbean	37	46	51	76	50	38	42	49	46	435
Not Stated	111	134	195	294	285	237	304	375	371	2306
Pakistani	10	4	8	13	9	12	7	13	15	91
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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

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Yours sincerely,

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