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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_1007

On 22/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force.

Please may you provide me with: The total number of arrests on suspicion of hare coursing made by your force, broken down by year (from 2016 to 2025 inclusive) if time allows.

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.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of the Crime Management System (CMS) for the following:

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

The number of detentions recorded from 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2025 where the following Reasons For Arrest (RFA) arrests were recorded:

CCJS codes:

- HA04005 - Attend a hare coursing event
- HA04010 - Control / handle dog in the course of / for the purposes of a hare coursing event
- HA04008 - Enter dog in a hare coursing event
- HA04001 - Hunting a wild mammal with dogs
- HA04006 - Knowingly facilitate a hare coursing event
- HA04003 - Knowingly permit dog to be used for hunting a wild mammal
- HA04002 - Knowingly permit land to be entered / used for hunting a wild mammal with dogs
- HA04004 - Participate in a hare coursing event
- HA04009 - Permit dog to be entered in hare coursing event
- HA04007 - Permit land to be used for the purposes of a hare coursing event

This has returned 5 records. Please see a further breakdown below.

Year	Recorded Offence	Number of Arrests
2023	Hunting A Wild Mammal with Dogs	3
2024	Hunting A Wild Mammal with Dogs	2

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 –

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Yours sincerely,
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