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Date: 18/11/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_1021

On 25/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request the following information under the freedom of information Act 2000:

1. How many reports of (Home Office code 008/27) Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises have you received from January 1st, 2020, to September 31st, 2026?

2. Please can you provide a breakdown of the gender and age of the perpetrator for each of these reports of having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises between January 1st, 2020, to September 31st, 2026?

3. Please can you provide the outcome for each of these reports of having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises between January 1st, 2020, to September 31st, 2026?

4. Please can the information be presented in a spreadsheet with the data broken down year by year?

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording system for substantiated crimes between 01/01/2020 and 30/09/2026 under the HO code 008/27. This information was filtered by age group (where recorded), sex (where recorded) and crime outcome. To refine the data further would risk the possible identification of individual crimes or people (due to low numbers), so to avoid a Section 40 exemption, I have not.

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

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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.

In response to your questions, I can confirm the following:

Q1 - 59 crimes

Q2

Sex of Offenders	Count
Female	5
Male	18
Total	**23**

Age group of offenders	Count
10-17	23
Total	**23**

Q3

Outcome	Count
Charged/Summons	3
Not in the public interest (Police)	1
Prosecution prevented - suspect under age	2
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	11
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	8
Youth Caution	7
Action undertaken by another body/agency	10
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	5
Diversionary	8
Community Resolution	3
Not Assigned	1
Total	**59**

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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

Post – Information Commissioner's Office
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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