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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_1061

On 09/11/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: Dear Freedom of Information Team,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 concerning police-recorded crimes involving suspected spiking, including those occurring in a domestic abuse context.

For each calendar year from 2021 to 2025, and for the period 1 January to 30 September 2026, please provide the information requested below.

Please also provide a breakdown of these crimes by recorded offence classification, including the offence description and Home Office offence code where available.
For both the questions below, please provide two figures for each year:

- The total number of recorded crimes meeting the search criteria, regardless of whether they have a domestic abuse marker.

- The number of those crimes that have a domestic abuse flag or marker.

* Question 1: Keyword search of sexual offences

Please provide the number of police-recorded sexual offences (in Home Office Group 2) where the searchable modus operandi (MO), crime summary or crime-description fields contain any of the following words or phrases:
spike; spiked; spiking
drugged; drugging
sedated; sedation; sedative; sedatives
stupefied; stupefy; stupefying

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.

sleeping pill; sleeping pills
sleeping tablet; sleeping tablets

Please search these terms individually (using OR rather than AND), with case-insensitive matching where possible.

* Question 2: Crimes carrying a spiking flag or marker

If your force does not use a dedicated spiking flag, tag or marker, please disregard this question.

If your force does use a dedicated spiking indicator, please provide the number of police-recorded crimes carrying this indicator.

Additional information
For both questions, I am requesting the number of recorded crimes, not incident reports, allegations or calls to police. Please count each crime only once within each question, even if multiple keywords are present.

I am not requesting a manual review of individual case files.

If either search cannot be completed, please provide whichever figures are available.

I would prefer the data in Excel or CSV format.

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

Following receipt of your request we ave sourced the information to the relevant departments within the Constabulary. We have searched for all substantiated crimes for the date range of 01/01/2021 to 30/09/2026. further filter to search for the key phrases of; spike, spiked, spiking, drugged, drugging, sedated, sedation, sedative, sedatives, stupefied, stupefy, stupefying, sleeping pill, sleeping pills, sleeping tablet and sleeping tablets.

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.

Q1)

HO Cat Codes)	Years						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Row Labels							
Abuse of position of trust of a Sexual Nature		1					1
Causing sexual activity without consent					2		2
Exposure and Voyeurism				1			1
Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences	4	2	4	2	1	2	15
Rape of female - multiple undefined offenders						1	1
Rape of female -13			1	3			4
Rape of female -16			2			1	3
Rape of female 16+	17	16	15	18	8	13	87
Rape of male -13			1		2		3
Rape of male 16+		1	3	2		1	7
Sexual activity involving child -16			1				1
Sexual Assault on a male 13+	1	1		2	2	5	11
Sexual assault on female -13	1		1				2
Sexual assault on female 13+	4	4	9	3	4	4	28
Total	**27**	**25**	**37**	**31**	**19**	**27**	**166**

Year and total of DA Tags
2021 4
2022 2
2023 8
2024 7
2025 7
2026 8

In relation to Q2 Gloucestershire Constabulary does not use a dedicated spiking flag, tag or marker on our recording systems.

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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