



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0297

On 10/03/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In 2008 the Home Office issued a circular to all police forces in the UK.

The subject concerned how constabularies were expected to respond to the issue of child sex exploitation.

The circular was also sent to the then Director of Prosecutions, Nazir Afzal.

In 2018 Nazir Afzal went public about the circular, and an interview is available on u-tube.

Released by Nazir Afzal Former Chief Prosecutor for Northwest England

".... In 2008 the Home Office sent a circular to all police forces...

Saying "as far as these young girls who are being exploited in towns and cities, we believe they have made an informed choice about their sexual behaviour, and therefore it is not for you Police Officers to get involved in"

Request for information: Please provide:-

- 1 a copy of the circular from the Home Office (signed by the Home Office originator)
- 2 copies of any replies and further communications on the issue
- 3 orders to constabulary personnel consequent upon receipt of the Home office directive
- 4 minutes of meetings on the issue
- 5 documented effects of the circular on operations relating to the issue
- 6 you may also wish to voluntarily disclose additional material on this issue.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary does not hold any relevant information.

I can confirm that searches have resulted in a nil response for the information which has been requested.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary