



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_2023.1082

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1082

On 06/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In July 2023 officers in the Metropolitan Police were banned by their Commissioner from wearing Thin Blue Line badges on their uniform. These badges are to show respect and remember their fallen colleagues. They are sold by the Care Of Police Survivors (COPS) charity and help to raise funds for their great cause.

The decision by the Met Police Commissioner has caused great upset to his officers at a time when their morale is already very low.

Please can you advise what is your force policy in relation to your officers wearing Thin Blue Line badges?

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that officers are permitted to wear the Thin Blue Line Badge as part of uniform as per the Uniform Policy.

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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