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Our reference: FOI_24_0055

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0055

On 12/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

What guidance do you have in place for officers/staff dealing with children who may be victim to Child criminal exploitation.

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

I can confirm that there is a page on the Gloucestershire Constabulary Intranet containing advice and resources for police officers requiring assistance when dealing with CCE related cases. The primary resource for officers is a document that has been published by the NPCC called "Voice of the Child Practice Briefing – November 2022"

This can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.vkpp.org.uk/publications/publications-and-reports/>

The Briefing document outlines police responsibilities when engaging with children and young people. It includes several strategies and tools to build confidence, supporting police to engage with children in the most appropriate way and to hear their voice and experience

This document is for frontline officers and staff who encounter children and young people e.g., call-centre staff, first responders, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), investigative personnel.

The Briefing covers:

- Key messages
- The Current Picture
- How can we define the Voice of the Child?
- Why is Voice of the Child Important?

- Consideration for Voice of the Child

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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