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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0093

On 19/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

[...] The focus of my dissertation revolves around examining the police response to male victims of domestic abuse following the implementation of Clare's Law (2014). Specifically, I am interested in understanding the training protocols in place for addressing the needs of male victims within each of the 43 Home Office forces.

I kindly request details on whether Gloucestershire Constabulary has specific training programs for police staff and officers tailored to male victims of domestic abuse.

Furthermore, if such training initiatives exist, I am interested in understanding the rationale behind their introduction. Were there any specific incidents that prompted a reassessment of policy and procedures leading to the implementation of this specialised training?

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 your request has been sent to the relevant department, who has confirmed the following:

During the initial recruit training the concept of male victims is very much explored. This is looked at when we discuss intersectionality and the difficulties some victims have in reporting. We challenge stereotypes and get students to work in groups to explore some of the barriers to reporting and how to overcome them.

We have reviewed the training delivered as a result of some of the learning and recommendations from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) where the victims have been male. We have also introduced Domestic Abuse Matters training into the wider force and again the focus is around intersectionality and the difficulties faced by some victims in reporting domestic abuse

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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