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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0253

On 27/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Your force policy and /or any directions to staff and officers regarding the circumstances in which they may request to see a Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC) from a member of the public.
2. As at 1. but relating to provision of a GRC from a person in custody.
3. As at 1. but relating to the provision of a GRC from a person charged/to be charged with an offence.
4. As at 1. but relating to the provision of a GRC FROM a police officer or staff member.
5. Any training documentation provided to staff on the Gender Reform Act 2004.

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

1. – 3. No information held. There is no specific policy relating to when a member of staff may request to see a gender recognition certificate from a member of the public. Please see the below link to the Constabulary's stop and search policy that may be useful.

[Stop and Search Policy - V7.0 \(gloucestershire.police.uk\)](http://gloucestershire.police.uk)

4. Please see the below link to our Transgender Policy. On page 4 there is a section relating to Gender Recognition Certificate.

[What is the purpose of this guidance \(gloucestershire.police.uk\)](http://gloucestershire.police.uk)

5. During certain training courses officers are signposted to guidance within the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Code C Annex L - ESTABLISHING GENDER OF PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEARCHING AND CERTAIN OTHER

PROCEDURES. (Please see the link below.) This provides guidance to officers and mentions gender recognition certificates that fall under the Gender Recognition Act 2004.

This is signposted to during the Constabulary's stop and search refresher training for police officers and sergeants and is also covered during initial custody sergeant and PACE Inspector training courses.

[Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(PACE\) codes of practice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-and-criminal-evidence-act-1984-pace-codes-of-practice)

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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