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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0432

On 17.04.2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How much training do constables get on pace?
2. Do constables have to pass an exam on pace?
3. How often are constables given refresher training on pace?
4. What training are custody sergeants given on pace?
5. Do custody sergeants have to pass an exam on pace?
6. How often are custody sergeants given refresher training on pace?

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

1. All students have a PACE overview session which lasts for around 3.5 hours. The 24 week programme of learning touches on PACE repeatedly throughout, however those occasions are not separately recorded. It is a recurring theme across the whole training period, including stop-search, arrest, custody/detention and more.
2. Constables don't have to pass a PACE specific exam but there are questions relating to PACE contained within university in-class tests, which they must pass. Student Officers who have joined Gloucestershire Constabulary via the Professional Policing Degree entry route are not required to take tests as they already have the professional policing degree.
3. Officers are not given refresher training on PACE unless changes to PACE are made, in which case the entire organisation will be advised of those changes and online learning or upskilling links are shared.

4. PACE is a recurring theme of the Custody Sergeants two week intense course. PACE is covered in, especially PACE Code C and PACE 1984, the Act. Custody Sergeants are trained in the nuances of Code C and the powers contained within the Act. Please note, that whilst Custody Sergeants are well prepared for their role and understand the areas of PACE and Code C that apply to that role, the Act is vast and to absorb the entire body of legislation is unrealistic in any given area of policing.
5. Custody Sergeants do not have to pass a PACE specific exam.
6. As per Q3, Officers are not given refresher training on PACE unless changes to PACE are made, in which case the entire organisation will be advised of those changes and online learning or upskilling links are shared.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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