



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0532

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Date: 13/06/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0532

On 16/05/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. The official policy and/or guidance for Section 136C searches under the Mental Health Act (MHA).
2. The number of Section 136C MHA searches undertaken in Gloucestershire during 2023 (broken down by month, gender, most common outcome of search and most common location).
3. A copy of a mock search record.
4. A copy of the Rights Information leaflet and/or oral statement which should be provided to the detainee subject to S.136C MHA searches.

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

1. The Mental Health Act legislation covers the circumstances in which a Section 136C protective search can be carried out, there is no additional local guidance or policy.
2. No information held. This information is not recorded.
3. There is no specific template/form for Section 136C MHA searches.
4. There is no Rights information leaflet or prescribed oral statement, however the expectation would be for officers conducting searches to explain their actions to the person being searched if practicable in the circumstances.

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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