



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0739

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0739

On 12/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

We write in relation to police force and CPS decisions to investigate, arrest and prosecute/charge people with offences under ss58, 59 and 60 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, and under s1 of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929, between 2019 and 2024. We request from you, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- (1) Copies of any policy or guidance, whether formal or informal, regarding decisions to investigate, arrest and prosecute individuals in connection with the offences referred to above.
- (2) Any memorandum of understanding between your individual police force and the CPS in relation to the offences referred to above, for example with regard to the operation of the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors public interest test.
- (3) All communication between your individual force and the CPS with regards to the operation of policy, whether formal or informal, and/or the development of policy, including informal policy, regarding decisions to investigate, arrest and prosecute/charge individuals in connection with the offences referred to above.
- (4) All records, such as meeting minutes and communications by email, of discussions at the supervisory level, reviewing and/or making decisions to seek advice with regards to the investigation, arrest and prosecution/charge of individuals in connection with the offences referred to above, and specifically any communications at supervisory level.
- (5) All communications internally within the force regarding media strategy related to the investigation, arrest and prosecution/charge of individuals for the offences referred to above, and specifically any communications at supervisory level.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

There are no recorded crimes of the offences requested.

Additionally, Gloucestershire Constabulary does not have any specific policies in relation to these offences. Officers dealing with this type of offence rely upon current legislation and publicly available guidance such as

- [Offences Against the Person Act 1861 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)
- [So-Called Honour-Based Abuse and Forced Marriage: Guidance on Identifying and Flagging cases | The Crown Prosecution Service \(cps.gov.uk\)](https://www.cps.gov.uk)
- [Infant Life \(Preservation\) Act 1929 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)
- [Concealed Pregnancies \(trixonline.co.uk\)](https://www.trixonline.co.uk)

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
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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