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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1058

On 23/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

?: How do your officers decide whether an incident is coercive control?

This information will be used for my MSc dissertation. Any help or guidance would be massively appreciated.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Do you have any examples of training given to officers regarding coercive control?

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REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: Since the introduction of coercive control being criminalised in the Serious Crime Act 2015, have convictions rates of domestic abuse related crimes (eg - assault, rape, financial abuse etc) increased and decreased?

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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:

1. All police forces in England and Wales are mandated to record crime by the Home Office, therefore all forces record crimes consistently adhering to the Home Office Crime Recording Rules, these are accessible online, through the following link:

[Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers and staff - GOV.UK](#)

2. No, training regarding Coercive Control is encompassed within general Domestic Abuse based training materials, we are therefore unable to provide any specific examples of the training as requested. However, please note that the information contained within the training is based on the relevant section of the Crime Recording Rules (as above).

3. Conviction information is data which is not held by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.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 –

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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