



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0110

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Date: 02/09/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0110

On 29/01/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The information requested is:

1. Do you routinely support victims of trafficking and modern slavery to submit a reconsideration request to the Competent Authorities within the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) following a negative Reasonable Ground or Conclusive Ground decision?
2. If the answer to question 1 is negative, could you please provide a reason.
3. If you are not able to support the individual with submitting a reconsideration request, do you routinely signpost them to other organisations?
4. Can you provide the number of reconsiderations requests you have submitted for the year 2023 and 2024? Could you please provide this data breakdown by year?

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

Q1-3. When a request for information is made under FoIA 2000, a public authority has a general duty under Section 1(1) of the Act to inform an applicant whether the requested information is held. There is then a general obligation to communicate that information to the applicant. We believe these questions to be general questions, requiring opinion or judgement, and not based on information held. To explain that further, Section 84 of Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) relates to recorded information held by a public authority and that it does not extend to providing explanations unless the answers are already held in a recorded form.

"Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their

implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form." (Day vs ICO & DWP – EA/2006/0069 Final Decision)

Q4. No information held.

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary