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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0402

On 10/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Are all your police officers who attend domestic abuse incidents (crime scenes) trained about coercive control?
2. What training courses that police officers are mandated to attend is coercive control covered in?
3. Pets can be killed, harmed or threatened within domestic abuse and are often barriers for survivors leaving an abusive relationship. Does all of your coercive control training consider this aspect?

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

In a consolidated response, I can confirm the following training provisions that cover coercive and controlling behaviour and which staff the training relates to:

- **Policing Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF) Curriculum**
- **DA Matters** – delivered to over 1200 staff in the organisation
- **Detective Development Programme (DDP)**
- **Investigative Supervisors & Managers Development Programme (ISMDP)** – As part of the ISMDP for newly promoted detective supervisors and managers, there is a session on domestic abuse investigations.
- **First Line Leaders Programme (FLL)** – The FLL is a training programme for acting, temporary and newly promoted local policing supervisors.
- **Specialist Witness VRI** – Specialist Witness Video Recorded Interview (VRI) training is delivered to officers and staff in Crime Command.

- **Specialist Suspect I/V course** – this course prepares staff to undertake interviews with suspects usually for major crime investigations or those conducted by specialist units.
- **Interview Advisor I/V course** - The role of Interview Advisor is to advise on and co-ordinate investigative interviews for a range of investigations including; Major Crimes, Serious and Organised crime, Public Protection in conjunction with the lead investigator.
- **DA Champions Training** - The DA Matters Champions module includes awareness of local service provision
- **DA Perpetrator Training (DARE)**
- **Force Control Room DA Training** – The Learning & Development DA training co-ordinator has conducted a number of DA training sessions with the FCR and the FCR call handlers have also attended the DA Matters training course that has been delivered in 2024.
- **PIP1 Investigators Course** – this is an immersive learning course for PIP1 Investigators. The course has started to be delivered to officers and staff in the Reactive Investigation Team (RIT) and will continue in 2025. This course will then be extended to Response officers and Supervisors later in the year.
- **Police Staff Investigator (PSI) course** - As part of the PSI curriculum for new PSI's there is a session on domestic abuse investigations.
- **Remote Video Response Training** – An appropriate training course has been devised by the crime training team for staff that are deployed on the RVR team.

In addition, the Learning and Development Department have confirmed that the training does consider pets in the manner described above.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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