



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0734

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Date: 21/08/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0734

On 24/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request for information according to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

It relates to reviewing the vetting status of serving police officers.

(1)

Since 1 April 2023, has your force introduced a vetting review policy, similar to Operation Assure that was instigated by the Metropolitan Police? Please provide a Yes/No answer.

Operation Assure is the Met's process, based on national guidance, to consider dismissing officers who can no longer pass vetting.

If the answer is Yes, please proceed to the following questions:

(2)

In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers have had their vetting status reviewed?

(3)

In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers had their vetting status removed?

(4)

In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers have appealed against the vetting review decision?

(5)

In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers have won their appeal?

(6)

Of those who won the appeal, how many have returned to full duty?

(7)

How many who had their vetting status removed are currently awaiting a hearing for gross incompetence or misconduct or gross misconduct due to their loss of RV vetting clearance?

(8)

How many who had their vetting status removed have had a hearing for gross incompetence, misconduct or gross misconduct due to their loss of RV vetting clearance?

(9)

How many police officers have been dismissed from your force for gross incompetence or misconduct or gross misconduct as a result of the vetting review process?

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

Q1. No

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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Yours sincerely,

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