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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1168

On 02/12/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Which unit or units in your force are responsible for investigating cases of intimate partner sexual violence (i.e. cases where the sexual offences occurred within a context of domestic abuse from an intimate partner and/or where a victim has reported both domestic abuse and sexual offences by the same perpetrator)?
2. If the answer to question 1 is more than one unit, how are cases allocated between units?
3. Please provide a copy of any internal force policy relating to the issues in questions 1 and 2.
4. Does your force currently have:
 - a) a dedicated RASSO unit
 - b) a dedicated domestic abuse unit
5. Please could you provide answers to questions 1 to 4 above on the arrangements within your force in January 2022.

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

One of Gloucestershire Constabulary's subject matter experts (SMEs) has confirmed the following recorded and relevant information in relation to the questions you have asked.

- Q1 Intimate partner sexual violence within a domestic abuse context would be investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department.

- Q2 No information held. The response to Q1 was one department.
- Q3 Please find attached to this response a copy of the Constabulary's Crime Management Framework Policy. Please also note the Section 17 and Section 40(2) exemptions set out below.
- Q4 Gloucestershire Constabulary has a dedicated RASSO unit. It does not have a dedicated domestic abuse unit.
- Q5 Please note that the CMF provided in response to Q3 is dated 2025; Gloucestershire Constabulary followed the same process in 2022.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regard to the disclosure of names within the policy document shared under Q3 the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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