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Our reference: FOI_26_0181

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0181

On 12/02/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Has this force implemented the NPCC draft interim search guidance (published on 22nd May 2025 Police search guidance following Supreme Court decision).
2. If so, what date was the draft interim search guidance implemented in this force.
3. Provide a copy of any communication (from chief officer team, legal dept, training dept, force lead for searching, HR dept or Equalities dept) given to staff with regard to the implementation of this guidance and include date circulated/sent.
4. If not, what policy/guidance is being followed by this force in relation to searches exceeding those of the most basic type*? Please provide a copy of the policy/guidance with regard to such searches. Stipulate whether these are only being undertaken by an officer of the same sex** as the person being searched. If not, please provide details of the circumstances in which a search of this nature may be undertaken by an officer not of the same sex.

*Searches involving the removal of jacket, outer clothing and gloves, more normally termed as 'more thorough searches' **Same sex meaning the same biological sex as determined and observed at conception/birth.

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

Following receipt of your request a search was undertaken of the Constabulary's policy repository.

The NPCC Interim Transgender Search Guidance was adopted by Gloucestershire Constabulary on 6th June 2025 and was shared with all staff using the Constabulary's intranet.

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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Yours sincerely,

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