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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_26\_0205**

On 19/02/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

To the Freedom of Information Team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide information regarding support and safety planning offered following Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS / "Clare's Law") disclosures within your force.

Please provide the data for the most recent 12 months (or last financial year), plus if readily available at no extra cost, please also provide the same for the previous year. If you hold it in a different reporting format (calendar year/financial year), please use what you hold.

1) Volume of disclosures For each period, please provide:

- Total number of DVDS applications received (Right to Ask), and total number of proactive enquiries (Right to Know), if recorded.
- Total number of DVDS disclosures made (i.e., where information was disclosed).

2) Support offered at/after disclosure For each period, for people who received a DVDS disclosure, please provide:

- Number and percentage who were offered referral/signposting to specialist domestic abuse support (e.g., IDVA service, local domestic abuse service, victim support), if recorded.
- Number and percentage who accepted that offer (or were referred), if recorded.
- Number and percentage who were successfully contacted/engaged by the support service following referral (if the force records this outcome).

- If the force uses specific categories (e.g., IDVA, ISVA, Victim Support, MARAC referral, children's services, housing), please break the figures down by category as recorded.

3) Safety planning / follow-up by police For each period, please provide (if recorded):

- Number and percentage where a safety plan was completed/provided (or "safety advice" recorded).
- Average and median time from (a) application to (b) disclosure decision to (c) disclosure delivery.
- Number and percentage where there was any recorded follow-up contact by police within: 48 hours, 7 days, or 28 days after the disclosure (please provide whichever time bands you record). Please advise if this search will exceed the cost limit.

4) Recording and policy

- Copies of any current force policy/SOP, guidance, or checklist used by staff that covers post-disclosure safeguarding, referrals, and follow-up under DVDS (redact names/emails if needed).
- The definition(s) or codes used on force systems to record: "support offered", "referral made", "referral accepted", "engagement/uptake", and "safety planning".

Format and clarifications

- Please provide the information in CSV or Excel where possible.
- I am not requesting any personal data; aggregated figures are sufficient.
- If any part of this request exceeds the FOI cost limit, please advise how it could be narrowed to fall within the limit.

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

Following searches, I can share the following information in response to the questions you asked:

- 1) From 01/02/25 to 31/01/25 1063 RTA applications and 453 RTK applications were made. During the same period, 528 disclosures were made.
- 2) Following every disclosure the recipient will be offered the opportunity for a referral to be made to GDASS, unless they are already being supported by them. If they decline this offer, they are directed to the GDASS website. Consideration is also given to referral to social care if the recipient has children and is not sure about ending a relationship where the subject clearly poses a risk. Regarding the remaining parts of the request under Q2, the details are not recorded on our systems.
- 3) Safety plans are not provided.
- 4) If the recipient is open, a referral is made to GDASS via e-mail. If an offence is identified, a crime report is created. A VIST (vulnerable identification screening tool) is completed. This may not be done in every case and depends on the victim being open to the process, for example, not completed to avoid any further risk of harm.

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely,

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