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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0742

On 04/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This request concerns recorded information your force may hold about documents or standard responses used to assist registered persons or prospective providers of children's homes with location assessments.

Under regulation 12(2)(c) of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, premises used for the purposes of a children's home must be appropriately and suitably located. Under regulation 46 of those Regulations, the registered person must review the appropriateness and suitability of that location at least once in each calendar year. The Department for Education's non-statutory departmental advice, Children's homes regulations amendments 2014: advice for children's homes providers, identifies the police among the local services with which providers should consult for this purpose.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide:

1. The current blank template, form, letter or standard wording used by your force when providing information to an operator or prospective operator of a children's home for a location or locality risk assessment.

If your force also holds a completed example capable of disclosure, one anonymised or redacted copy would be helpful, but the blank template is what I primarily seek. If your force does not provide information to children's home operators or prospective operators for this purpose, please confirm that.

2. Does your force provide any such document, or the information contained in it, to Ofsted or to a local authority placement commissioning team?

If so, please provide any current recorded agreement, memorandum of understanding, protocol, policy or procedure governing that practice. If no such arrangement is held, please confirm that. Please answer this question irrespective of your answer to question 1.

3. Please provide any current recorded policy, standard operating procedure or guidance held by your force concerning the completion of such documents, including any guidance on determining the geographic area or radius covered and on selecting any comparison area.

If no such policy, procedure or guidance is held, please confirm that.

In each case "current" means held and in use at the date of this request.

No specific premises, provider, application or individual is identified. I am not requesting personal data. Redaction of personal data and operationally sensitive information is expressly accepted.

Please provide the information electronically. If any information is withheld, please disclose all reasonably separable material and issue a refusal notice under section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 identifying the exemption relied upon. If the cost limit is engaged, please provide advice and assistance under section 16 on how the request may be narrowed.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

Under our duty to assist, our subject matter expert (SME) advises that you may wish to approach Gloucestershire County Council for the information you have requested.

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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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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