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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0814

On 27/08/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can you tell me whether the force has a team/operation dedicated to positively engaging and building relationships with sex workers/sex worker liaison officers (and what the name of these team/officers are)?

If yes, please can you tell me:

1. When was this team/operation was set up.
2. How many officers are part of this team/operation (M/F if available).
3. What the specific duties of these officers are (Street workers/premises)
4. Which geographic area they cover.

Please provide any available information even if some is not available.

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

Following receipt of your request, your questions were sourced to a subject matter expert (SME) who confirmed the information below.

Gloucestershire Constabulary does not have a dedicated team. However, one detective constable (DC) sits on regular SWOP (sex workers outreach programme) meetings with the Nelson Trust and one detective sergeant (DS) is a representative on a nationally funded initiative, established to improve the policing response to adult sexual exploitation and violence against sex workers, through the delivery of a centralised intelligence development and safeguarding function.

The DC works 1.5 days a week and the DS is full time, however their work with regards to sex worker liaison is done in addition to other aspects of their roles. They mainly cover Gloucester City.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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