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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0911

On 28/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Freedom of Information Act Request – 25.09.26

Subject: Domestic Abuse Investigations – Mandatory Breakdown by Case Complexity, Gender of Suspect/Victim, and Initial Officer Category (Last Five Years)

Dear FOI Team

Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This request has been drafted to avoid ambiguity. All terms are defined below. No interpretation by the force is required.

A. Definitions
For the purposes of this request:
1. “Domestic abuse case”
A recorded incident or crime that meets the statutory definition of domestic abuse under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
2. “Complex case”
A domestic abuse case that your force categorises as complex under any internal policy, procedure, guidance, or case grading system. If your force uses multiple criteria, please apply whichever definition is normally used operationally.
3. “Non complex case”
A domestic abuse case that your force does not categorise as complex.
4. Gender categories
Please use the gender recorded on your crime/incident system for both suspect and victim. The required categories are:
- Male suspect / Female victim
- Female suspect / Male victim

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

- Male suspect / Male victim
- Female suspect / Female victim

5. Initial officer category

The category of the officer who was first allocated or first assigned to investigate or manage the case. The required officer categories are:

- Student officer (PCDA, DHEP, PCEP)
- Probationary constable (officer in first two years of service)
- Officer without specialist domestic abuse or safeguarding training
- Officer with specialist domestic abuse or safeguarding training
- Experienced investigator (e.g., PIP1/PIP2 or equivalent)
- Any other officer category used by your force (please specify)

If your force uses different terminology, please map your terminology to the closest category above.

B. Information Requested

For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, please provide the following:

1. Number of Domestic Abuse Cases by Complexity and Gender

Please provide the number of complex domestic abuse cases, broken down into:

1. Male suspect / Female victim
2. Female suspect / Male victim
3. Male suspect / Male victim
4. Female suspect / Female victim

Please provide the number of non complex domestic abuse cases, broken down into:

5. Male suspect / Female victim
6. Female suspect / Male victim
7. Male suspect / Male victim
8. Female suspect / Female victim

For the avoidance of doubt, please include any cases where stalking, harassment, controlling behaviour or coercive control occurred between parties who meet the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 definition of “personally connected”, even if the case was not recorded as domestic abuse.

2. Initial Officer Category for Each Gender/Complexity Group

For each of the eight categories listed above, please provide the number of cases initially allocated to:

1. Student officers
2. Probationary constables
3. Officers without specialist domestic abuse or safeguarding training
4. Officers with specialist domestic abuse or safeguarding training
5. Experienced investigators
6. Any other officer category (please specify)

This should result in a simple table or list of figures.

3. Policies and Guidance

Please provide copies of any policies, guidance, instructions, or criteria used by your force to:

- Categorise domestic abuse cases as complex or non complex
- Allocate domestic abuse cases to officers based on experience, training, or rank
- Restrict or permit allocation of domestic abuse cases to student officers or probationary officers

4. Data Handling Clarification
If your force does not hold centralised figures for any part of this request, please confirm:
- Whether the data is held at departmental level
- Whether the data can be extracted from your case management systems
- If not, the specific reason why your force cannot identify:
  - case complexity,
  - officer category, or
  - gender of suspect/victim.

Format
Please provide the information in electronic format.
If any part of this request would exceed the cost limit, please identify which specific element causes the issue so I may refine it.

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

Following receipt of your request we have sourced the information to the specialist department within the constabulary. Please see our response below

Q1B) No information held. Gloucestershire Constabulary do not grade crimes on complexity. DA crimes are recorded as per National Crime Recording standards and while some crimes are more serious than others, that is not a direct correlation to their complexity. DA crimes are given a risk scoring of standard, medium and high, however this again is not an indicator of complexity and so cannot be used to differentiate complex and non-complex crimes. As we do not record complexity, we cannot provide data on complexity and gender.

Q2) No information held – Gloucestershire Constabulary don't retain this data.

Q3) No information held - The Force Crime Management Framework dictates where crimes re allocated. This can be located via Crime management framework | College of Policing.

Q4) Gloucestershire constabulary do not grade cases in this way. Therefore, the information is not in a recoverable format in our recording system. Gender and suspect and victim are recorded as part of crime recording.

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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