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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0990

On 15/10/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Freedom of Information Request

I am seeking information for the calendar year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Please provide:

1. The number of homicide investigations recorded by your force in which the victim was recorded or identified by police as being engaged in sex work at the time of their death.

2. Of those cases, the number in which strangulation, neck compression, suffocation or asphyxia caused by neck compression was identified as a cause or contributing factor in the death.

3. For each case identified above, where this information is held, please provide:

* the victim's sex.

* the recorded cause or method of death.

* whether strangulation, compression of the neck, suffocation or asphyxia caused by neck compression was identified as a cause or contributing factor.

* whether a suspect was charged with murder or manslaughter.

* the current case outcome/status.

For the purposes of this request, by "sex work" I mean the provision of sexual services in exchange for money or other payment, including both street-based and indoor/online-arranged sex work.

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.

I appreciate that forces may record information relating to sex work in different ways. If your force does not record "sex worker" as a searchable victim characteristic but holds information that would allow relevant cases to be identified through another reasonably practicable search for example through homicide records, occupation fields, intelligence markers or other relevant records, I would be grateful if this could be considered.

If the full request cannot be answered, please provide as much information as can be supplied prioritised in the following order:

1. The total number of homicide victims identified or recorded as sex workers in 2025.

2. The number of those deaths in which strangulation/neck compression was recorded as a cause or contributing factor.

3. The individual case information requested above.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording database for all homicide offences recorded between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025. No information is held with regards to the questions you have asked.

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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