

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2025-26-049

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

Under FOIA, for 1 Jan 2023–today, please provide:

The OPCC’s VAWG assurance framework/plan (how assurance is obtained; KPIs used).

The latest VAWG self-assessment and action plan (owners/deadlines).

The last two quarters of VAWG/RASSO performance dashboards/packs seen by the PCC.

Any decision paper/business case considered by the PCC on RASSO resourcing (including a “no dedicated unit” option), with recorded decision/rationale.

Minutes/action logs from the most recent VAWG/RASSO scrutiny meeting the OPCC runs/attends.

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All information provided under FOIA relates to the timeframe 1 Jan 2023 – to date:

The OPCC's VAWG assurance framework/plan (how assurance is obtained; KPIs used).

Information not held.

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset (OPCC) can confirm that it does not hold the information you have requested for the purposes of the Act.

Assurance and oversight are obtained through strategic meetings between the Force and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), as well as via scrutiny panels administered by the OPCC. Further information about these scrutiny panels is available on our website: [Scrutiny Panels : Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner](#).

Further information with respect to the VAWG framework and strategy used by Dorset Police can be found on their website: [Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy | Dorset Police](#).

Alternatively, you may wish to direct your enquiry to Dorset Police Freedom of Information team for further details – foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

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This is a matter for Dorset Police and any associated assessments or action plans are the property of the Force. As such, they are not held by the OPCC for the purposes of FOIA.

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This is a matter for Dorset Police, and resourcing is therefore a decision for the Chief Constable.

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Information cannot be disclosed. This information is exempted by Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information.

The exemption relates to any requests for information in respect of third parties, where disclosure of such information would breach the following Data Protection principles regarding personal data:

1. It should be fairly and lawfully processed
2. Processed for limited purposes
3. Processed in line with the data subjects’ rights
4. Secure

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner holds scrutiny meetings relating to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), which also cover Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) cases. The minutes and action logs from these meetings contain information of a sensitive nature and include personal data from which individuals may be identified.

As such, this exemption applies because the information that you are requesting refers directly to living individuals, and their personal information. Those drafting the Act clearly considered that the disclosure of such information would in most cases risk undermining individual’s rights to privacy and those rights still stand in these circumstances.