



**Kent
Police**



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Dear Ms. Williams,

Freedom of Information Request 18/06/796

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 15 June 2018.

The Home Secretary has statutory powers to routinely request data from every police force in England and Wales. The Annual Data Requirement (ADR) stipulates a list of all the categories of data that may be requested, which individual forces must provide.

I wish to know the following under Freedom of Information:

- 1) What is the explanatory guidance that has been given to Kent police about what information to record in the 'gender' category of the ADR?*
- 2) In the gender category of the ADR does your police force record a victim or suspects natal sex (the sex they were assigned at birth), their legal sex (the sex on their birth certificate), or their self-declared gender identity?*
- 3) If a male-born person self-identifies as female will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male?*
- 4) If a male-born person self-identifies as non-binary will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male or something else?*
- 5) If someone is transgender (identifies as a different gender to the sex assigned at birth) is this recorded by you separately in the ADR.*
- 6) If a male-born person self-identifies as female and is arrested/convicted for the crime of rape will you record the gender of the suspect/perpetrator in the ADR as male or female.*

Any guidance on the completion of Annual Data Requirements (ADR) would be provided by the Home Office. Having researched this query, Kent Police holds no information specific to guidance concerning the completion of gender categories when completing ADRs. The gender options available when completing ADRs are Male, Female, and Unknown. Any inputs relating to gender will be based on the gender to which an individual identifies; Kent Police will record the self-defined gender.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Muggridge

FOI Legal Administrator

Your right to appeal

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to appeal. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 20 working days. If your appeal concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

You may lodge your appeal by writing to:

Freedom of Information
Kent Police Headquarters
Sutton Road,
Maidstone
Kent
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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