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Date: 08 July 2025

Dear FOI applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **11 June 2025** in which you asked:

'I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act, regarding the use of risk assessment checklists in domestic abuse and related services provided or commissioned by your organisation:

- 1. Is it a standard provision or requirement in contracts with third-party providers of relevant services (e.g. domestic abuse services, victim support), for them to use the DASH risk assessment checklist as part of their service?*
- 2. Is it a standard provision or requirement in contracts with third-party providers of relevant services, for them to use the DARA risk assessment checklist?*

If the answer to any of the above is more complicated than a "yes/no", please provide a short explanation.

If you are able to provide part but not all of the information requested, please do so, rather than rejecting the whole request.'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the OPCC holds the following information.

1. No. It is not standard provision or a requirement in contracts with third-party providers to use the DASH risk assessment checklist. However, providers are required to submit project information/project monitoring forms which are embedded into agreements where possible, and several providers mention DASH as a tool in their forms.
2. No. It is not standard provision or a requirement in contracts with third-party providers to use the DARA risk assessment checklist. The DARA risk assessment checklist is a tool designed and recommended for frontline police officers, meaning the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would not recommend it to our commissioned services/providers as a tool. For instance, West Midlands Police is a force that uses DARA but they are not one of the OPCC's commissioned providers of domestic abuse support.

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,



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