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Dear Terence Stock,

Thank you for your email of 20 February, in which you asked for an update on the response to FOI 62842, including whether the review on gender recording practices has concluded and the outcome of the review.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Home Office collects data from police forces under the Annual Data Requirement (ADR) which gives a statutory basis for the collection of data from forces where there is an expectation there will be an ongoing need for such information. The ADR process is overseen by the Police Data Requirements Group (PDRG). The PDRG review the ADR on an annual basis and seeks to ensure the data required is of strategic importance, that forces can supply data of sufficient quality, and that requests are proportionate balancing the additional value of the data against burdens imposed on forces.

The PDRG has just completed the annual cycle covering data to be collected for the period from April 2022 to March 2023. Through the PDRG we have been working to propose data standards for the recording of basic demographic information based on questions included in the 2021 Census in England and Wales.

In respect to sex and gender, using this approach, we would ask forces to record the sex (of both victims and suspects) based on what was recorded on an individual's birth certificate or their gender recognition certificate. Separately, we intend to request forces to ask for an individual's gender identity if it differs from their legal sex status.

To allow time for forces to make necessary changes to systems and processes, the new data standards has been introduced in April 2022 on a voluntary basis.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to [foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk) quoting reference 68559. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

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