

**This is a FOIA for the following information. Please provide separate answers to the following 8 questions in respect of Crime & Incident Reporting:**

**1. What explanatory guidance has been provided to your police force on the information you should record in the 'gender/sex' category? As examples, this might include guidance documents provided by: College of Policing, Home Office, ONS, or any other official body. Please provide me with a copy of the guidance document(s) in use.**

The guidance we have been supplied with is attached.

**2. In the gender/sex category does your police force record a victim's or suspect's "natal sex" (their biological sex observed at birth), their "legal sex" (the sex on their birth certificate), or their "self-declared gender or gender identity"?**

We would record their self-declared gender or gender identity.

**3. If a male-born person self-identifies as female will this be recorded by you as female or male?**

Female

**4. If a male-born person self-identifies as non-binary will this be recorded by you as female or male or something else?**

On our crime recording database we have Male, Female, but also Indeterminate, so in this example we would record it as Indeterminate.

**5. If someone is transgender (identifies as a different gender to the sex assigned at birth) and has obtained a Gender Recognition Certificate is this recorded by you separately?**

When recording a crime we would not ask about the certificate, we would just record the gender that the person identifies as. If we were informed that there was a Gender Recognition Certificate we would put this into the enquiry log or MO field if relevant. We would only really record that someone was transgender if involved in a hate crime as we have special markers to identify hate crimes and the reason for the hate crimes (e.g. Racial, Religious, Transgender etc).

**6. If someone is transgender (identifies as a different gender to the sex observed at birth) but has not obtained a Gender Recognition Certificate is this recorded by you separately?**

As per question 5.

**7. If a male-born person identifies as female, has obtained a Gender Recognition Certificate and is arrested for/charged with the crime of rape will you record the gender/sex of the suspect/perpetrator as male or female? Will transgender status also be recorded?**

We would record the suspect by the gender they identify themselves as (i.e. female). But we would record in the enquiry log and MO field their transgender status.

**8. If a male-born person identifies as female, has not obtained a Gender Recognition Certificate and is arrested for/charged with the crime of rape will you record the gender/sex of the suspect/perpetrator as male or female? Will transgender status also be recorded?**

As per question 7.

**Additionally, please answer the following:**

**9. The College of Policing requirements for Information Management specify that each UK police force must have an Information Management Strategy (IMS):**

**[https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/information-](https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/information-management/management-of-police-information/common-process/#-common-process-at-force-level)**

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**[process-at-force-level](https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/information-management/management-of-police-information/common-process/#-common-process-at-force-level) As you will know, the IMS should be made available to partners and the public, and I would therefore ask you to please provide me with a copy of your local police force IMS.**

Please be advised that our IMS is out of date, however for reference please find this attached.