



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

FOI ref no: 15358

24 March 2023

Freedom of Information request first notified to us by email on 2nd March 2023.

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as detailed below:

Please can you provide the number of victims of domestic abuse aged under 18 that have been referred into victims support services for the following time periods:

- 1) 30 January 2021 – 29 January 2022
- 2) 30 January 2022 – 29 January 2023

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

On behalf of Staffordshire Police, I wish to advise you that whilst I can confirm that Staffordshire Police does hold the information requested, the force claims the provision under Section 12(1) of the Act (where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit). 'Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

This is because there is no easy retrievable system to extract data to answer this request. There are over 1,300 domestic abuse related records that would need individually reviewing to identify whether the victim had been referred to victim support services. It has been estimated that to answer this request will take approximately three minutes to review each record which equates to 65 hours. To achieve this task would exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act.

To assist in refining your request, data can be provided for the total number of domestic abuse victims aged under 18 for the time period requested.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ



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