

12 August 2024

FOI Ref 16567

Request - You asked us the following:

1. a. How many police officers are in your force?
- b. How many of these officers are dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse / are domestic abuse specialists? What is the name of the role/roles if there is one?
- i. (N.B., police officers dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse will be called domestic abuse specialists in the following questions - please still provide answers if they have a different official title)
- c. What is the gender makeup of your domestic abuse specialists, if you have them?
- d. Do you have a specialist domestic abuse team in the force? If so, what is the name of the team? And who do they report to?
- e. If you have domestic abuse specialists, how does someone become a domestic abuse specialist in your force? I.e. do they put themselves forward, or are they selected by an individual from the force. Who makes the decision for this promotion?
2. Please describe in detail how your force handles domestic abuse cases from the initial 999 call to the case being passed on to the CPS.
- a. What are the steps involved?
- b. What is the average time for a victim to have their case passed on to the CPS?

For questions 1a, 1b and 1c, please provide data for each quarter of the last 5 years, if you have this on record. If you do not, please give data for as many of the five years as you have.

We received your request on 26/02/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

1. a. How many police officers are in your force? – **Information held.**
- b. How many of these officers are dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse / are domestic abuse specialists? What is the name of the role/roles if there is one?
- i. (N.B., police officers dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse will be called domestic abuse specialists in the following questions - please still provide answers if they have a different official title) – **No information held.**
- c. What is the gender makeup of your domestic abuse specialists, if you have them? – **No information held.**
- d. Do you have a specialist domestic abuse team in the force? If so, what is the name of the team? And who do they report to? – **No information held.**



- e. If you have domestic abuse specialists, how does someone become a domestic abuse specialist in your force? I.e. do they put themselves forward, or are they selected by an individual from the force. Who makes the decision for this promotion? – **No information held.**
- 2. Please describe in detail how your force handles domestic abuse cases from the initial 999 call to the case being passed on to the CPS. – **Information held.**
 - a. What are the steps involved? – **Information held.**
 - b. What is the average time for a victim to have their case passed on to the CPS? – **No information held.**

For questions 1a, 1b and 1c, please provide data for each quarter of the last 5 years, if you have this on record. If you do not, please give data for as many of the five years as you have.

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- 1. a. How many police officers are in your force? – **Disclosed - As of 31/07/2024, we have 2012 Police Officers.**
- b. How many of these officers are dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse / are domestic abuse specialists? What is the name of the role/roles if there is one?
 - i. (N.B., police officers dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse will be called domestic abuse specialists in the following questions - please still provide answers if they have a different official title) – **No information held.**
- c. What is the gender makeup of your domestic abuse specialists, if you have them? – **No information held.**
- d. Do you have a specialist domestic abuse team in the force? If so, what is the name of the team? And who do they report to? – **No information held.**
- e. If you have domestic abuse specialists, how does someone become a domestic abuse specialist in your force? I.e. do they put themselves forward, or are they selected by an individual from the force. Who makes the decision for this promotion? – **No information held.**
- 2. Please describe in detail how your force handles domestic abuse cases from the initial 999 call to the case being passed on to the CPS. – **Disclosed – Please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 16567 Domestic Abuse Officers Data'**
 - a. What are the steps involved? – **Disclosed – Please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 16567 Domestic Abuse Officers Data'**
 - b. What is the average time for a victim to have their case passed on to the CPS? – **No information held.**

For questions 1a, 1b and 1c, please provide data for each quarter of the last 5 years, if you have this on record. If you do not, please give data for as many of the five years as you have.



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At the moment Domestic Abuse is dealt with by our Local Policing Teams including the Criminal Investigation Department. They are not Domestic Abuse Specialists, although they have received Domestic Abuse training.

We are currently in the undergoing a change programme which will include Domestic Abuse Specialists in the future.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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