

22 August 2024

FOI Ref 16627

Request - You asked us the following:

I'm following up on FOI request 16309 placed in December, can you please let know the progress of the FOI?

Should you have any of the information requested then please do send this to myself and treat the questions below as a new FOI request.

- 1) How many female domestic homicides were there where a woman was killed by a partner /ex-partner or relative between the years.
2020- 2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2204 (to date)
- 2) Please supply the numbers of women who were killed by a partner/ ex-partner /relative who had previous contact with your police force in the 12 months prior to their death. Please give an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2024 or the last available data.
- 3) Please provide figures of domestic violence survivors who your force ranked as high risk. Please provide the figure as an annual breakdown from 2018 to 2024 or the latest available data.

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED 05/08/2024

If possible for Q3, yes, all domestic abuse related incidents reported either once or more where the risk assessment is high.

We received your request on 11/03/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

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

Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

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The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

The problem lies with Question 2, there is no method by which we can easily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 25,000 domestic calls for service per year and the details of each victim who was killed by a partner/ ex-partner or relative would need to be cross referenced with these calls to determine whether any prior calls had been made.

To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
Section 12(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'.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

In order to assist with your request, should you remove the requirement to provide data for Question 2, an answer could be provided for the remaining questions. However, please note for question 3 Staffordshire Police could provide the total number domestic incidents per year where the THRIVE risk was determined to be High, although we only have this data available for the years 2023 and 2024 to date; prior to 2023, Staffordshire Police used the call grades (Grade 1, 2 and 3) but this provided no assessment of the risk (i.e. High, medium, low etc). Please note further exemptions may apply.

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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