

19 November 2024

FOI Ref 17421

Request - You asked us the following:

I had sent a follow up request for the data on high risk victims to be broken down into gender for the dates that you have.

How many female domestic abuse victims were classed as high risk by your force from 2018- 2024 to date broken down annually.

How many male domestic abuse victims were classed as high risk by your force from 2018-204 to date broken down annually.

I see from previous correspondence that the force only has data from post 2020 if this is all you have then that is fine.

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED ON 13/11/2024

Many thanks for your email, in response to your question

"Would you like figures for 'domestic violence survivors who your force ranked as high risk' from the post incident risk assessment along with a gender breakdown so that it is a true representation?"

Yes I would like the above for domestic violence survivors and domestic abuse victims with a gender breakdown for dates requested.

We received your request on 30/10/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- I had sent a follow up request for the data on high risk victims to be broken down into gender for the dates that you have.
- How many female domestic abuse victims were classed as high risk by your force from 2018- 2024 to date broken down annually.
2021 - 1,318
2022 - 1,806
2023 - 2,308
2024 to date (01/01/2024 - 18/11/2024) - 2,050
- How many male domestic abuse victims were classed as high risk by your force from 2018-204 to date broken down annually.
2021 - 169
2022 - 243
2023 - 358
2024 to date (01/01/2024 - 18/11/2024) - 312

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Yes I would like the above for domestic violence survivors and domestic abuse victims with a gender breakdown for dates requested.

Please be advised that the data has been provided based on the post incident risk assessment which would be taken from an occurrence with a Domestic Public Protection notice (PPN) that has been risk assessed as high. The data is only available post 2020 due to a change in recording systems.

Please note that the following caveats apply to the above data:

- We have utilised the recorded dates to run the date parameters. This is general practice.
- We have counted the number of occurrences with a domestic qualifier, where a Domestic PPN (public protection notice) has been completed and the risk assessment was deemed to be high risk, and the victim is of the stated gender.
- There will be a number of domestic occurrences recorded where the officers have completed a PPN under another nature of concern where this is more appropriate (e.g. Stalking). Victims for these occurrences are not included in the figures.
- There are also a number of victims where the gender has been recorded as unknown or indeterminate which we are unable to include.
- There may be victims that have been recorded as a repeat victim within the 12 month period for each year, and these have only been counted once.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing 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
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Central Disclosure Unit within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Central Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF



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