

1 October 2024

FOI Ref 17191

Request - You asked us the following:

Following Staffordshire FOI team guidance I have tweaked the FOI.

(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 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. Or where data is available.

We received your request on 26/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

1. 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) – **Information held.**
2. 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. Or where data is available. – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

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) – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17191 Refinement of FOI 16627 Data.PDF'.**
2. 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. Or where data is available. – **Disclosed, 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023 = 18,001 and 01/01/2024 – 31/08/2024 = 12,346.**

Please note that Staffordshire Police did not mandate the THRIVE risk assessment on Grade 1 incidents until February 2023, therefore there is no data held prior to February 2023.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

Several matters within the dataset provided currently remain ongoing at this time. Disclosure of further details relating to these occurrences at this time would prejudice police activities both for ongoing and future investigations, and would be likely to cause significant harm to the law enforcement function of Staffordshire Police and the administration of justice.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations
Section 30 is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, we are required to evidence the harm in disclosure and apply the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are carried out in the future. Staffordshire Police is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balance test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors we are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is our view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

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.



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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.

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:

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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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