

27 January 2025

FOI Ref 17721

Request - You asked us the following:

According to FOI request 17431, your force made 297 arrests for assaulting an emergency worker, where the suspect was female between 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024. A follow up FOI, ref 17474, confirmed that in 29 of these incidents, a “domestic incident” was recorded.

Please can you provide the following information:

(1)

When “domestic incident” was recorded as part of the arrest, was the female recorded as:

- (a) the suspect of committing the domestic abuse (all female suspects)
- (b) the victim of the domestic abuse (all female victims),
- (c) or were some incidents recorded as involving a male suspect of domestic abuse (both)?

Please provide as your answer “all female suspects” “all female victims” or “both”

If the response is “all female victims”, you do not need to respond to Q2. Please skip to Q3 and Q4.

If your response was “all female suspects” or “both”, please respond to Q2:

(2)

Of the total number of women arrested for assaulting an emergency worker between 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024, how many of those women were also recorded as a victim of or potential victim of a domestic incident?

(3)

In how many of the arrests of a female suspect for assaulting an emergency worker, was the suspect flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with their current or former partner, where their current or former partner was the perpetrator of domestic violence?

By this I mean the suspect who assaulted an emergency worker had previously been flagged with a domestic violence marker where she is recognised as at risk of DVA.

For information and definitions of domestic abuse indicators and domestic abuse flags, I am sharing this document from the HMICFRS.

(4)

In how many of the arrests of a female suspect for assaulting an emergency worker, was a restraining order, a protective order, a non-molestation order, or an occupation order in place at the suspect’s address against the suspect’s current or former partner?

We received your request on 24/01/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- (1) When "domestic incident" was recorded as part of the arrest, was the female recorded as:
(a) the suspect of committing the domestic abuse (all female suspects) – **Disclosed, 25**
(b) the victim of the domestic abuse (all female victims), - **Disclosed, nil.**
(c) or were some incidents recorded as involving a male suspect of domestic abuse (both)? – **Disclosed, 4.**
- (2) Of the total number of women arrested for assaulting an emergency worker between 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024, how many of those women were also recorded as a victim of or potential victim of a domestic incident? – **Disclosed, 25.**
- (3) In how many of the arrests of a female suspect for assaulting an emergency worker, was the suspect flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with their current or former partner, where their current or former partner was the perpetrator of domestic violence?
By this I mean the suspect who assaulted an emergency worker had previously been flagged with a domestic violence marker where she is recognised as at risk of DVA. – **Disclosed, 9.**
- (4) In how many of the arrests of a female suspect for assaulting an emergency worker, was a restraining order, a protective order, a non-molestation order, or an occupation order in place at the suspect's address against the suspect's current or former partner? – **Disclosed, 1.**

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/incidents 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.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

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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