

5th February 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210073

REQUEST

Can you please provide the details of the number of Domestic Abuse Victims reporting to your Police Authority broken down as follows:

For the period 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020 inclusive by Age, Ethnic Origin and Gender.

For ease of reference, please incorporate a summary total by Age, Ethnic Origin and Gender both Force Wide and by Police Division.

RESPONSE

In order to assist me with your request, I contacted our Crime Administrator, who conducted a search of our Connect System. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She has provided the attached spreadsheet and explanation.

I have extracted a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 01-Jan-2020 and 31-Dec-2020, where the offence has been recorded with a victim and one of the following keywords with a breakdown by District -

Domestic Abuse
Partner on Partner
Repeat Domestic Abuse

Offence are recorded with a Domestic Keyword in accordance with the below Home Office definition –

F3 Domestic Abuse (1 of 1) Domestic abuse definition:

“Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality”.

As a result of this request, offences have been identified where the victim is under 16 years of age, therefore the circumstances of offence would not constitute a Domestic Incident. These offences will be forwarded to the Data quality team for review, however should these offences be amended then this could potentially affect the count of offences and any future requests for such data. I have highlighted these within the spreadsheet.

Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown by the victim's ethnic appearance, gender and age at incident with a breakdown by district.

Please note -

- We would not expect a count of victims to reflect a count of offences as some offences may be recorded with more than one victim. However, without record level review I cannot guarantee complete data accuracy regarding victim data.
- If an victim or suspects age is unknown at the time of recording the offence, then the Date of Birth 01/01/1900 may be recorded, this will result in the victim's being recorded as 119 or 120. These records will be amended accordingly when the correct Date of Birth is known.
- Where potential anomalies have been identified (Ages over 100 & under 16), then these offences have been referred to relevant department for review.
- I have not included any offences that appear to have been recorded out of force.

Please note that any further breakdown of the data may trigger S40 (Personal Information) of the FOI Act.