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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:13/03/2024

2024/235 - Domestic Abuse

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1.a. How many police officers are in your force?

NWP Officers	1710	Feb-24
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Officer and Staff strength is published quarterly on our website;
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b. How many of these officers are dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse / are domestic abuse specialists? What is the name of the role/roles if there is one?

i. (N.B., police officers dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse will be called domestic abuse specialists in the following questions - please still provide answers if they have a different official title)

c. What is the gender makeup of your domestic abuse specialists, if you have them?

Number of Officers	YR				
Q1 B & C	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Female	14	14	14	11	15
DOMESTIC ABUSE PERPATRATOR OFFICER	2	2	2	2	2
DAO PCSI	2	2	1	2	2
DOM ABUSE OFFICER CONSTABLE	10	10	11	7	11
Male	3	3	3	3	3
DOMESTIC ABUSE PERPATRATOR OFFICER	1	1	1	1	1
DOM ABUSE OFFICER CONSTABLE	2	2	2	2	2
Grand Total	17	17	17	14	18

For questions 1a, 1b and 1c, please provide data for each quarter of the last 5 years, if you have this on record. If you do not, please give data for as many of the five years as you have

d. Do you have a specialist domestic abuse team in the force? If so, what is the name of the team? And who do they report to?

Yes – Domestic abuse officers sit within the protecting vulnerable persons unit and are managed by the Domestic abuse detective sergeants.

e. If you have domestic abuse specialists, how does someone become a domestic abuse specialist in your force? Ie. do they put themselves forward, or are they selected by an individual from the force. Who makes the decision for this promotion?

Domestic abuse officers are specialists and the role is not a promotion, the officers are constables. The vacancies are advertised internally and the recruitment process would be an internal advert/application/paper sift/interview.

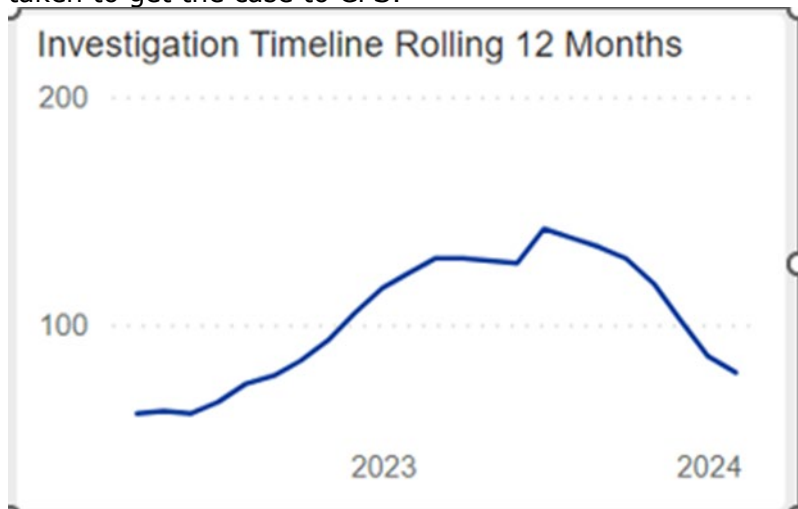
2. Please describe in detail how your force handles domestic abuse cases from the initial 999 call to the case being passed on to the CPS.

a. What are the steps involved?

Not all domestic cases are reported via 999, domestic abuse can be reported in a number of ways – for example as a non emergency call/via partner agencies. The allocation is based on the information being provided and the threat/harm and risk posed to those involved. The process is different dependent on the nature of the call and the risk. Domestic abuse remains a Force priority.

b. What is the average time for a victim to have their case passed on to the CPS?

Below is the time taken to finalise the investigation. We can not provide information on time taken to get the case to CPS.



Information available as of 11.03.24:

Investigation Timelines

Median timelines (days from the reported date to finalised date) have decreased by 35.8% over the previous 12 months (the current annual median is 44 days shorter in comparison to the 12 months to February 2023).

Medians for occurrences resulting in positive outcomes has fallen by 3 days to 93 days, whilst the median for OC19-21 occurrences has fallen by 49 days to 78 days.

Outcome definitions are available online if required.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 13/03/2024