



Response Date:20/11/2025

2025/1149 - Coercive control

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Section 76 Serious Crime Act 2015 (SCA 2015) created the offence of controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship (CCB). It came into force on 29th December 2015 and may be classed under police code 008/67 . Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for the period 29th December 2015 to 1 October 2025. Please break those figures down by calendar year (or partial calendar year where applicable).

The number of arrests for coercive control.

Calendar Year	Arrests
2016	73
2017	82
2018	102
2019	113
2020	111
2021	137
2022	230
2023	299

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2024	349
2025	288

The number of charges for coercive control.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition		12	19	1		1		6	7	8
01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	5	19	11	10	18	14	33	43	40	21
05. Offender Has Died									1	
09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest		3	2	1	6	8	8	6	2	
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest		4	15	13	16	37	30	5	1	
11. Named Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility							2			
12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute		1				2	4	3	1	1
13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill			1			1	3	2	1	
14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender		2	3	4	12	12	8	6	6	6
15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	14	41	58	63	45	81	88	119	73	27
15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	10	114	102	161	279	180	224	488	333
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	29	96	152	197	374	618	560	557	359	258
17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired			3	1	2		2		3	1
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified			2			15	11	54	39	19
20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy		7	19	37	16	57	103	26	49	23
21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest			5	9	11	17	11	2	1	1
22. Checkpoint						2				
Outcome Not Yet Assigned		1	1		3	36	104	67	59	166

Please provide the following information outlining the current situation for your force:

What training do you provide to officers regarding domestic abuse and coercive control (as defined in the Serious Crime Act 2015)?

Please provide details of the nature of this training, including:

Whether it is mandatory or optional.

Is it part of initial training when officers join the force?

How frequently must they complete refresher courses?

The number of your officers trained to handle domestic abuse incidents - including coercive control.

The number of your officers who have not completed this training.

Initial recruits receive a full day DA Matters training and then a session with a DA officer called DAO Op input and DASH practical.

The below training has been and is being delivered to the wider warranted workforce:

ID CODE	COURSE TITLE	Attended	Booked to attend	Refresher	External course provider – for development	Mandatory
AAFDA	ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE AAFD	5				
DACHAMPCPD	DA CHAMPIONS CULTURE AND DIVERSITY CPD – REFRESHER TRAINING	6		Yearly refresher	External course provider	
DACHAMPION	DA MATTERS / SAFER LIVES CHAMPIONS	32			External course provider	
DA LEADERS	DA MATTERS / SAFER LIVES SENIOR LEADERS	23			External course provider	
DA MATTERS	DA MATTERS / SAFER LIVES TRAINING	661	101 – mopping up sessions for officers who were not able to attend initial programme		External course provider	Mandatory for all front-line officers and staff
DAO	DOMESTIC ABUSE OFFICER TRAINING	12				Mandatory for the post role
DOMABUSE	DOMESTIC ABUSE UNDERSTANDING & PRACTICE	1			External course provider	
DOMABUSE 1	DOMESTIC ABUSE 1 AIMED AT DAOs	12	19			Mandatory for the post role

DOMABUSE1	DOMESTIC ABUSE MODULE 1					
DOMABUSIND	1on1 Work With Perpetrators of Domestic	2			External course provider	
DOMVIOLENC	E LEARNING GENDER & THE POLICE	2			External course provider	
DOMVIOLREF	DOMESTIC ABUSE MODULE 3/4/5	302				
DA MATTERS	DA MATTERS / SAFER LIVES TRAINING	365				Mandatory for all PC Probationers as part of their initial training – numbers attended since DA Matters was delivered in force (last course May 2022).
SPEC 15DV & 16	SPECIAL CONSTABLES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CID 16	41	6			Mandatory for initial training of Special constables

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 13/11/2025