



Response Date:10/03/2025

2025/253 - Domestic abuse

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. How many police officers are employed in the force at this time? Please can this be separated by gender?

As at end of Jan 2025

Total Officers: 1737
Male 1006
Female 731

2. Of those police officers, how many have undertaken training in spotting signs of domestic abuse?

629 DA Matters
DA LEADERS – 23
PEQF students since Jan 2022 - 324

Total: 976

3. When called out to an unexplained death/suspected suicide, how many times have the attending officers been those trained in spotting domestic abuse?

All officers receive domestic abuse training as part of their initial training, therefore on all occasions when Police attend a death / suspected suicide, they will be trained in recognising domestic abuse.

4. How many times have domestic abuse specialists been called on to give officers advice regarding suspected suicides in the last 10 years? Please can this be separated by years?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. Data is not recorded regarding this and therefore would only be available by manual review of all sudden death incidents in the last 10 years. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

5. When attending a suspected suicide what are the factors considered before suicide is confirmed?

Officers response is in line with the North Wales Police Sudden, unexpected and suspicious death policy and College of Policing Guidance available via APP (authorised Professional Practice).

6. How do officers determine if domestic violence was involved?

As above, Domestic Abuse Training / College of Policing APP guidance on Domestic Abuse.

7. If the partner says there were mental health problems, are any other family members or friends spoken to confirm there was no abuse?

Please see the answer to question 4.

8. How many suicides have there been, separated by year, gender and the evidence used to determine suicide?

Please note: the below information is from the coroners office, and relates to suspected suicides since 2023. We do not hold data regarding 'evidence used to determine' suicides but can provide the below figures for the past couple of years:

2023
Male – 66
Female – 12

2024
Male – 54
Female – 20

To clarify these are 'suspected' suicide cases as the data is gathered at the time of the occurrence and so the official inquest findings would not be know for some time later.

9. How many suicides influenced by domestic violence have there been, separated by year, gender and the evidence to determine this?

Please see the answer to Questions 4 and 8.

We are unable to provide any further information.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 05/03/2025