



Response Date:13/10/2026

2026/1038 - Domestic Abuse by Suspect Sex and Outcome

Although excess cost removed 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.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Freedom of Information Request - Domestic Abuse by Suspect Sex and Outcome, 2018-2025

Please provide the following information for each calendar year from 2018 to 2025 inclusive concerning crimes recorded by your force as domestic abuse related.

Where sex is requested, please use the sex recorded for the suspect on the police record (Male / Female / Unknown or Not Recorded).

For each year, please provide:

- 1. Total number of domestic abuse-related crimes recorded.**

Notifiable Offences with a Domestic Abuse Flag:

Calendar Year	Count
2018	11002
2019	10857
2020	11545
2021	13694

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2022	13738
2023	11869
2024	10864
2025	10497

2.

Number involving:
 * a male suspect;
 * a female suspect;
 * suspect sex unknown/not recorded.

count of suspects:

	Female	Male	Other	Unknown
2018	1928	5030	2	2
2019	1861	4744	1	3
2020	1725	4625		4
2021	2027	5149	3	4
2022	2075	5192	3	14
2023	2101	4912	4	42
2024	2081	4908	1	71
2025	1984	5157	2	60

3.

For male and female suspects separately, the number resulting in:
 * charge/summons;
 * charge/summons for an alternative offence;
 * Outcome 15 (evidential difficulties where the victim supports action);
 * Outcome 16 (victim does not support/withdraws support where a suspect is identified);
 * other outcomes resulting in no prosecution;
 * caution or other out-of-court disposal;
 * investigation ongoing.

Occurrences with a Domestic Abuse Flag - one occurrence may appear multiple times if there are multiple suspects:

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Female	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	65	54	36	56	65	37	32	35
	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	72	57	30	46	46	49	59	50
	02A. Alternate offence Youth Caution / Conditional Caution								2
	02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution								1
	03A. Alternate Offence Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	8	5	1	2	6	2	13	4
	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	15	10	7	9	1	7	16	14
	06. Penalty Notice for Disorder	1							
	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	9	12	11	5	13	8	11	21
	09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest	5	7	9	6	14	5	2	
	10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	109	100	137	145	148	35	11	
	11. Named Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility		1			2	1		
	12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute	7	3	1	8	1	6	5	3
	13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill	5	2		4	3	4	1	1
	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	23	35	40	37	18	8	2	2
	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	95	54	54	77	71	80	64	47
	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	308	401	351	495	458	638	1389	1135
	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1623	1593	1588	1976	1988	1717	912	1053
	17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	15	19	9	20	20	15	11	10
	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	27	25	22	30	37	71	73	44
	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	82	51	20	53	73	111	71	52

	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	101	128	81	79	75	45	6	4
	22. Checkpoint		1	3	9	6	4	4	7
	Outcome Not Yet Assigned						1	9	44
Female									

Male	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	553	486	466	486	415	287	274	317
	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	585	425	410	449	554	517	523	589
	02A. Alternate offence Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	3	3					1	
	02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	3	1			1	1	3	2
	03A. Alternate Offence Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	9	15	8	5	5	7	7	12
	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	26	16	13	15	9	9	21	33
	05. Offender Has Died	2	2	1	1	3	2	4	2
	06. Penalty Notice for Disorder	1							
	07. Cannabis / Khat Warning		1						
	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	14	25	26	19	17	12	20	34
	09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest	40	42	46	66	51	32	8	2
	10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	247	265	259	293	260	56	5	7
	11. Named Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility	2		2	1	1	12	2	
	12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute	9	11	7	12	14	17	13	11
	13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill	10	3	6	3	13	7	17	7
	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	64	69	126	91	32	19	6	2
	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	511	413	337	428	454	444	327	316
	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1117	1390	1249	1621	1444	1597	3118	2878

	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	4222	4157	4541	5280	5488	4249	2415	2891
	17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	74	52	51	58	59	35	31	22
	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	74	76	61	88	82	203	187	91
	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	156	146	84	187	286	178	131	117
	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	242	242	208	147	113	62	8	6
	22. Checkpoint			3	18	10	7	7	14
	Outcome Not Yet Assigned			2	4	7	17	83	174
Male									

Other	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties				1		1		
	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties								2
	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	2	1		2	3	4		
	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified						1		
	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy							1	
	Outcome Not Yet Assigned								1
Other									

Unknown	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition		1						1
	10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest						2		
	12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute						1	1	
	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender					1	2		
	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties						1	1	
	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties		1			2	10	37	18
	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	3	2	4	5	14	23	20	37

	17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired					2			
	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified						1	5	2
	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy						1	6	4
	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest						1	1	
	Outcome Not Yet Assigned						1	2	1
Unknown									

4. Where readily retrievable, the number of male and female suspects arrested in connection with these domestic abuse-related crimes.

Count of Suspects:

	Female	Male	Other	Unknown
2018	343	1963		
2019	337	1732		1
2020	350	1679		
2021	405	1990	2	1
2022	477	2117	1	
2023	511	2253	2	3
2024	597	2374		1
2025	597	2574	1	2

5. Where readily retrievable, the number of male and female suspects referred to the CPS for a charging decision and, if recorded, the number for whom the CPS authorised a charge.

Please also confirm:

a. whether the figures represent crimes, suspects, crime-suspect records or unique individuals; b. whether a crime involving multiple suspects can appear more than once in the suspect-sex figures; c. whether any significant recording-system/practice changes during 2018-2025 affect comparison between years.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes, we are unable to extract this information from RMS.
. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. 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.

Q3 contains a breakdown of OC15 which indicates whether CPS have rejected a charging decision, or Police have decided not to charge, as well as details of charges.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 12/10/2026