

Ref 1411/14

19 February 2014

Dear

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 17 February 2014.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. Does your force have a protocol in place for officers dealing with victims of strangulation who have been strangled by an alleged offender? If yes please attach a copy of this protocol.
2. Does your force have in place a protocol for officers dealing with a suspect who they have had to use control and restraint techniques against? If yes please attach a copy of this protocol.
3. Does your force have in place a training programme for police officers to help them to identify and prosecute strangulation? If yes please supply a copy of the training programme and its objectives and how long this training lasts.
4. The number of MARAC's held in your force area?
5. For each the name of the MARAC, area it covers, and the MARAC Coordinator's name and email contact details.
6. Do you use the nationally accredited ACPO/DASH risk assessment tool for referrals to MARAC ? If not which risk assessment do you use – please attach a copy.
7. The total number of referrals to each of the Domestic Violence MARACs in your force area from 1st August 2013 to 31st January 2014.
8. Of these referrals the total number of victims referred by the police?
9. Of these referrals the total number referred by health agencies?
10. Of these referrals the total number referred by victim support agencies? (By victim support we mean those agencies whose work is to support victims e.g. Women's agencies, refuges etc)
11. The total number of children recorded in all of these referrals?
12. The total number of referrals to MARAC where the victim was a woman?

13. Total number of referrals, to the MARAC, in this time period, where the victim was reported in the referring MARAC risk document to have been subjected to strangulation?
14. In how many of these cases were the victims referred to the MARAC, who experienced strangulation women?
15. Do any of the MARAC agencies have in place a protocol for staff to use when dealing with victim's of strangulation? If yes then please attach copies.
16. Have representatives at your MARAC received specific training on the risks and health impacts of strangulation? If so how many and which agencies do these members represent?
17. Do any of your MARAC agencies have in place a specific tool for recording victims' experiences of strangulation? If so please list which agencies? Please attach the tool/s used.
18. Do any of your MARAC agencies have in place a specific tool for victims to help them understand the impact of strangulation on their level of risk and/or health? If so which agencies have a specific tool for victims in place and please attach copies of each tool.
19. Where strangulation was recorded in the MARAC risk tool as a feature of risk how many of these cases resulted in a specific charge being made, by the CJS, in relation to the strangulation experienced by the victim?

Please find below answers to your questions:-

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does not hold the information you have requested, however this information may be held by Nottinghamshire Police.

If you would like to forward your request onto Nottinghamshire Police, their contact details are provided below. If you would prefer for us to forward your request onto Nottinghamshire Police, please confirm this in writing.

The contact details for Nottinghamshire Police are:

Nottinghamshire Police
Freedom of Information
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Nottingham
NG5 8PP

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 101 Ext 801 2008 or e-mail nopcc@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Pearson'.

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