Freedom of Information Request Reference No:

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the number of domestic abuse related homicides in 2017 and in 2018 thus far.

DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above.

Each and every homicide in London is a tragedy. You will see that there have already been more domestic homicides in 2018 than during the previous year, but you may find it helpful to consider the data against the full historical context. Between 2003 and 2016, there were an average of 25.8 Domestic Abuse homicides each year (with between 16-40 homicides per annum). Against this background, 2017 was a conspicuously low year in terms of volume of Domestic Abuse homicides and 2018 is showing a return to mean levels. Within the 2018 figures, 25% of the total relate to interfamilial domestic abuse.

The MPS takes domestic abuse very seriously and is committed to safeguarding all victims and bringing perpetrators to justice, working with all our partners and local communities to constantly learn and improve the way we work. Our domestic abuse investigators work closely with independent domestic violence advisors (IDVA's) and specialist domestic support agencies, in order to ensure that victims of domestic abuse are able to access the help and support they need.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the MPS.

Information Rights Unit
Total number of Domestic Abuse Homicides

01/01/2017 to 31/10/2018

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This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: CRIS FBOC

Date Live data was extracted: 28/10/18

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force’s response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.
Notes

Live data was extracted from the CRIS Webbi system in conjunction with the below definition for the period of 01/01/17 to 31/10/18:

A DA Flagged Homicide Offence is an offence with an original main or sub classification of:

- 001/01 (Murder - of persons aged 1 year or over).
- 004/01 (Manslaughter).

...That has had one of the Domestic Abuse flags (DV, DI, DX) added to the crime report.

NB: There are other classifications of Homicide, namely:

- 001/02 (Murder of persons aged 1 year and under).
- 004/02 (Infanticide).
- 004/10 (Corporate Manslaughter).

...That are not included in the definition for DA flagged homicide, this is because it is impossible for there to be a valid domestic relationship between the Victim and the perpetrator, for instance, the victim is under the age of 16, so cannot be a victim of Domestic Abuse.

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IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

**Number of Domestic Abuse related homicides in London over the last 2 years (2017 and 2018 up to the 31st October 2018).**

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