

REQUEST

We are focusing on different elements of HBA - male honour abuse and how men/boys can be the silent victims of honour based violence and abuse.

Would you be able to tell me if West Midlands Police have had an increase in crimes or incidents related to Honour based abuse/violence by men in the last 5 years.

Do you have a specialist HBV officer I could speak to on these issues.

RESPONSE

Table 1 Crimes with an Honour Based Violence Marker where victim is male, by year

Year recorded	Number
2012	8
2013	3
2014	8
2015	10
2016	13

Unfortunately, with respect to incidents, the gender of victim is not recorded on the relevant database. In order to assist we have provided below the total number of closed incidents between 01 January 2012 and 31 December 2016 where the Qualifier 'Forced Marriage/Honour Violence' has been used.

Table 2 Incidents (crimes and non- crimes) where qualifier 'Forced Marriage/Honour Violence' has been used, by year

Year recorded	Number
2012	156
2013	163
2014	132
2015	161
2016	134

West Midlands Police lead on Honour Based Violence is Sergeant Trudy Gittins. For more information see:

<http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/advice-centre/help-and-advice/honour-abuse/index.aspx>

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/latest-news/news.aspx?id=5185>

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/latest-news/news.aspx?Id=4739>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ju3hrh-ToIY&feature=youtu.be>