

Request Reference: 9649/17**1. For each year from 2009 to 2017 (to date) inclusive, how many domestic abuse specialist officer posts were employed in your force.**

See table below

2. For each year from 2009 to 2017 (to date) inclusive, whether your force had a dedicated domestic abuse unit, whether specialist officers were part of a general public protection unit, or whether they were part of some other unit.

See table below

Job Title	Apr-09	Apr-10	Apr-11	Apr-12	Apr-13	May-14	Apr-15	Apr-16	Apr-17
Domestic Abuse Officer (Constable)	45	51					207	212	231
Domestic Abuse Supervisor (SGT)	3	3					40	39	38
Grand Total	48	54	0	0	0	0	247	251	269

*Please Note Re Table Above:

In 2009, Public Protection Unit (PPU) staff were teams within Operational Command Units, before a specialist PPU department was created at Paragon (2010). 2009 is Strength whereas remaining years are posts (due to reporting changes).

In April 2010 there were 54 domestic abuse officers who formed part of local command units. After April 2010 the officers moved into the Public Protection Unit, however their job titles were no longer domestic abuse officers and thus creating difficulty in identifying these individuals. By April 2015 the job titles of domestic abuse officers was re-established and the figures can be seen in the above table.