

1. Has your force provided training to officers policing the offence of engaging in controlling and coercive behaviour as outlined in section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015?
2. If the answer to Q1 is yes, please can you explain the nature of this training?
3. If the answer to Q1 is yes, please can you disclose all training documents from this training for your officers?

Please see below:

[http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/serious-crime-act-255\\_16/](http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/serious-crime-act-255_16/)

In addition brief training around coercive and controlling behaviour is included in a 2 day Domestic Abuse workshop, this training has been delivered periodically since 2017. Also within Module 4 of the ICIDP programme, which is centred around adult public protection - <https://www.fis-international.com/services/investigation-services/investigation-courses/initial-crime-investigators-development-programme-icidp/>

Both of these training packages are scenario based, there is no specific teach with regards to the legislation but forms part of group discussions in relation to the investigation of such offences.

In addition WMP have taken part in a 3 month pilot for a new version of the DASH risk assessment (the focus of which is more heavily geared towards identifying coercive and controlling behaviour in domestic abuse incidents). This was a 1 day training course and a refresher on coercive control legislation was included.