

I would like to know:

- If there has there been an increase in domestic violence incidents that the police have had to deal with since the 23rd March this year to date on a week by week basis compared to the same period last year

Please see attached

- How have the police coped with this increase in domestic violence cases. Have they had to adapt their working practices in any way to address the increase which has been reported in the press, ie employ more staff or draft staff in from other departments

Police Staff Investigators have been employed on temporary 12 months contracts to assist with the rise in demand. WMP is now looking to take on the Investigators on a full-time basis due to demand.

- Has the police received more funding since the 23rd March to date to deal with domestic violence

No

- What do they believe is the cause of the increase in incidents

The actual cause of such an increase within the West Midlands is being explored by WMP through local Community Safety Partnerships.

- Was there any domestic violence homicides during this time (23rd March to date) and was there an increase in domestic violence homicides compared to the same period last year
- Was there an increase in more serious offences occurring compared to the previous year, within the same date span (23rd March to date)

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