

Request Reference: 901A/21

***My request concerns police records of domestic abuse in the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. I want the figures, please, for January-May of those years for:***

***1) Number of calls to the police reporting an incident of domestic abuse***

Count of Offence Type: 'Domestic Violence':

01 January 2019 to 31 May 2019 = 15,287

01 January 2020 to 31 May 2020 = 19,173

01 January 2021 to 31 March\* 2021 = 16,056

\*Please note, due to a recent change in electronic systems used to record incidents, data for 2021 is only available up to 31 March 2021.

***2) Number of arrests and charges relating to domestic abuse; 3) Number of prosecutions for domestic abuse***

We are unable to provide information on arrests and prosecutions in relation to domestic abuse (see covering letter for full details). The following table instead provides a breakdown of the outcomes of domestic abuse offences, recorded during the specified time periods.

TABLE - Count of Offence Type: 'Domestic Violence', by Outcome:

Outcome	Year		
	01 January 2019 to 31 May 2019	01 January 2020 to 31 May 2020	01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021
Adult Caution With Alternative Offence	17	16	6
Blank	46	130	1,681
Caution - Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	160	135	46
Caution - Youth (Inc Conditional Caution)	4	4	0
Charge Or Summons	893	837	215
Charge/Summons With Alternative Offence	340	281	37
Community Resolution	215	114	6
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - Named Suspect Not Identified: The Crime Is Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Is Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	135	219	120
Investigation Complete: No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible - Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	237	268	453
Name Suspect Identified, Investigation Not In The Public Interest, Police Decision	9	0	0
Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	9,516	12,532	10,221

Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	3,510	4,272	3,213
Non Crime	2	2	0
Other Agency Takes Primacy	47	75	50
Postal Charge	95	206	7
Postal Charge With Alternative Offence	26	57	0
Prosecution Prevented - Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	3	1	0
Prosecution Prevented - Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence	0	0	1
Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	7	3	0
Sufficient Evidence To Charge, But CPS Decided Not In The Public Interest To Prosecute	3	0	0
Sufficient Evidence To Charge, But Police Decided Not In The Public Interest To Prosecute	12	19	0
The Offender Has Died (All Offences)	8	1	0
Youth Caution With Alternative Offence	2	1	0
Total	15,287	19,173	16,056

**4) Number of homicides flagged as being related to domestic abuse**

Count of Homicides with an Offence Type: 'Domestic Violence':

01 January 2019 to 31 May 2019 = 5

01 January 2020 to 31 May 2020 = 6

01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 = 0