



Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

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Request:

I am emailing you to request anonymous data under the Freedom of Information Acts (2000 and 2002). I would like to request the following information on murder-suicide. For the purposes of this request, I am defining murder-suicide as 'murder followed by the suicide of the perpetrator(s) within one week'.

I would like to request the following information for the years 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2018 inclusive:

1. In total (for all ages), how many murder-suicide incidents were recorded in your force between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year (e.g. 10 in 2015, 20 in 2016, 30 in 2015, total = 60)
2. How many of these murder-suicides (number not percentage please) involved a victim who was aged 60 or over? Please provide a breakdown by year (e.g. 10 in 2015, 20 in 2016, 30 in 2015, total = 60)
3. How many **murders** involving a victim aged 60 or over were recorded during the same period (number not % please) Please provide a breakdown by year (e.g. 10 in 2015, 20 in 2016, 30 in 2015, total = 60). Please note - this question is designed to allow me to ascertain how many murders of older people are murder-suicide cases.
4. For each of the recorded murder-suicide cases involving an older victim (60 or over) (as per question 2, above), please provide the victim, offender and crime details on an individual case basis as per the attached table - if possible please complete a table for each recorded offence or provide the same information in a different format if preferred but please provide this on an individual basis - please do not aggregate the information).

This request has been carefully designed to ensure the data requested is anonymous (e.g. using age categories rather than asking for specific ages, not requesting any personal data on victims or suspects such as names, addresses, date of birth and so on). I am seeking information on closed cases only.

Clarification:

The term perpetrator has been used to describe suspects - I would be grateful if you could proceed with this request for data on murder followed by suicides within a week and provide the requested victim and suspect characteristics.

Response 1:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

	Total number of recorded murder-suicides
2015	0

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2016	1
2017	0
2018	0

Responses 2 & 4:

I can confirm that there is no information held by Dyfed-Powys Police due to the fact that there are zero (0) murder-suicides recorded whereby the victim was aged 60 or over.

Response 3:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

	Total number of murders recorded whereby victim was aged 60 or over
2015	0
2016	1
2017	0
2018	1

It should be noted that as a result of the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such information that the information released may or may not be accurate.

Furthermore, it should also be noted that Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.