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DYFED-POWYS

FOI Reference: 387/2022

Request 1 - 6:

1) Please can you provide data pertaining to the number of 999 calls that were made to report or in relation to domestic violence for the calendar years:

- a. 2016
- b. 2017
- c. 2018
- d. 2019
- e. 2021/2022 (to date)

2) Please can you provide data pertaining to the number of 999 calls relating to domestic violence across 2016 – 2022 respectively that were assigned:

- a. Grade 1
- b. Grade 2
- c. Grade 3
- d. Grade 4

Please also provide the time taken to attend for each part of the question.

3) Please can you provide a copy of your Call Grades and Deployment Policy or direct me to where I can find this.

4) Please can you tell me the total number of calls relating to domestic violence that were assigned grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 in comparison to or categorised by the area the incident was reported to have taken place in or the area officers were instructed to attend for the calendar years:

- a. 2016
- b. 2017
- c. 2018
- d. 2019
- e. 2021/2022 (to date)

Grades 1 to 3 typically refer to an emergency response, a prompt response and a routine response. Please provide a description of the different grades (including expected response times to attend) used by the force if these differ.

5) Please provide the longest individual time taken to attend a grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 emergency call in 2021 for domestic violence, including what grade the call was assigned.

6) Please provide the total number of occasions that police did not attend:

- a) Grade 1,
- b) Grade 2
- c) Grade 3
- d) Grade 4 emergencies last year (2021) relating to domestic violence.

Clarification: Question 2, information relating to the standard response times for DV incidences under each grade, but this is not necessary if it will result in costs. Question 4, broken down into either but towns would be preferable.

Response 1, 2 & 4:

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

LOCAL POLICE AREA	CARMARTHENSHIRE				CEREDIGION				HQ				PEMBROKESHIRE				POWYS				X FORCE				Grand Total
Priority	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	Grand Total
2016	892	137	24	110	326	61	11	46	1	0	2	22	458	80	11	66	381	62	14	45	6	1	2	10	2864
2017	890	180	65	119	329	77	23	49	0	0	2	27	614	114	35	90	440	108	20	49	2	1	0	10	3340
2018	1006	266	78	130	322	73	18	62	0	0	3	37	686	152	50	83	414	94	38	55	4	0	3	95	3669
2019	1021	294	127	124	353	103	42	51	0	0	3	37	761	185	83	78	470	117	44	47	2	0	1	10	4051
2020	1090	241	107	149	419	107	31	57	0	0	0	36	845	180	84	6	507	113	34	65	6	2	1	14	4325
2021	1147	307	193	143	471	102	53	60	0	0	1	69	774	198	89	105	516	119	74	78	1	1	2	16	4665
2022	362	93	64	46	114	34	18	18	0	0	1	14	239	56	37	27	167	47	33	21	2	0	3	54	1450
Grand Total	6408	1518	658	821	2334	557	196	343	11	0	2	2	4377	965	389	565	2895	648	257	360	23	5	2	778	24364

Please note: 2022 data is only up until 30/04/2022. We do not have response data for Priority 3 / Priority 4 incidents as these are not routinely attended. All response time calculations are based off system time stamps which rely on user updates.

Response 3:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested however a Section 22 (1) (a)(b)(c) has been applied thereby exempting its release, as the information requested is intended for future publication.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Where exemptions are relied upon, Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Dyfed Powys Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

(a) states that fact

- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies

Section 22 (1)(a)(b)(c) Information Intended For Future Publication

“(1) Information is exempt information if –

- (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),*
- (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time the request for information was made, and*
- (c) it is reasonable in all circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph.”*

Section 22 is a qualified class-based exemption and considerations must be given as to whether there is a public interest in providing the information prior to the anticipated publication.

Public Interest Test

Considerations favouring disclosure:

Dyfed-Powys Police is committed to demonstrating an ethos of openness, transparency and accountability and to disclose the information would be seen as providing updated information to enhance awareness of this subject matter. Releasing the information would enhance public knowledge of the subject, by providing information that may better inform public debate around this subject

Considerations favouring non-disclosure:

The policy is currently under review and is nearing final draft, with the intention in the near future of publishing it upon completion, therefore to disclose the requested information under the Freedom of Information Act at this stage would pre-empt this disclosure. Publication processes are in place and disclosure outside of those arranged processes will render such processes obsolete. Such processes are in place to ensure the proactive publication of information, which is in line with the ethos of openness and transparency found within the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Balancing Test

Factors need to be balanced to see if they favour disclosure or non-disclosure of the information. In this case the strongest consideration for disclosure is demonstrating an ethos of openness, transparency and accountability, being weighed against the consideration for non-disclosure which in this case is that the requested information is intended for publication on completion of the final version. Proactive publication of

information assists in meeting the public interest test, disclosure at an earlier date would render such processes obsolete and the Force would continuously have to furnish Freedom of Information requests when there is a process in place which ensures that the Force is open and transparent in regard to such information. Therefore, at this moment in time, the balancing test for disclosure is not made out.

Therefore, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Response 5:

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

Priority	Longest Response Time in 2021
1	03:32:41
2	04:44:05
3	Response times not recorded
4	Response times not recorded

Response 6:

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

At Scene Status Not Recorded					
Year	2021				2021 Total
Priority	1	2	3	4	
No	0	2 *	310	602	914

* To caveat this, one of these was out of our force area and therefore no response recorded by DPP. The 2nd was a repeat call and officers were dispatched to the original incident.

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.

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 13/07/2022)