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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1032/24 Domestic Homicides

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 19th of November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

*This is a request for information according to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
It relates to domestic homicides, where the victim was known to the police.*

Please note there are three parts to my request, although parts one and two contain multiple sub-questions.

I have attached a spreadsheet to support you in your response.

1 a) From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many domestic homicide offences, where a woman was killed by her current or former male partner have been recorded by your police force?

1 b) In each of these domestic homicide offences, how many victims were flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with:

- Their name*
- And/or address*
- And/or telephone number*
- Current or former male partner*

1 c) of those deaths, how many were investigated as possible homicides?

1 d) of those which were investigated as possible homicides, how many arrests were made of the woman's current or former male partner?

1 e) of those partners or former partners who were arrested, how many were subsequently charged with her murder?

1 f) How many were charged with her manslaughter?

1 g) How many were charged with a violent offence or coercive control in relation to that victim following her death?



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2 a) From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many women whose deaths were reported to your police force as sudden and unexplained had a police record of domestic abuse associated with:

- Their name
- And/or address
- And/or telephone number
- Current or former male partner

2 b) of those deaths, how many were investigated as possible homicides?

2 c) of those which were investigated as possible homicides, how many arrests were made of the woman's current or former male partner?

2 d) of those partners or former partners who were arrested, how many were subsequently charged with her murder?

2 e) How many were charged with her manslaughter?

2 f) How many were charged with a violent offence or coercive control in relation to that victim following her death?

3 a) From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many police officers in your force have been arrested following an allegation of domestic violence?

3 b) How many were subsequently charged?

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided in response to Questions 1a-f and Questions 2a-f has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. The information in response the Questions 3a and 3b has been provided by the Constabulary's Professional Standards Department.

Question 1a- From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many domestic homicide offences, where a woman was killed by her current or former male partner have been recorded by your police force?

6 recorded homicide offences with female victim and offender/ suspect relationship of partner/ spouse between 01/01/2019 - 19/11/2024

Question 1b- In each of these domestic homicide offences, how many victims were flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with:

- Their name
- And/or address
- And/or telephone number
- Current or former male partner

4 of these crimes had a domestic violence flag on the homicide offence.

Question 1c- of those deaths, how many were investigated as possible homicides?



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All were investigated, as all recorded homicides are investigated as possible homicides.

Question 1d- *of those which were investigated as possible homicides, how many arrests were made of the woman's current or former male partner?*

4 arrests.

Question 1e- *of those partners or former partners who were arrested, how many were subsequently charged with her murder?*

3 of the 4 arrested were subsequently charged with murder.

Question 1f- *How many were charged with her manslaughter?*

2 individuals were charged for manslaughter of 1 victim, they were not initially arrested.

Question 1g- *How many were charged with a violent offence or coercive control in relation to that victim following her death?*

Of the 6 recorded homicide crimes with female victims, 1 individual was charged with another violent offence against the victim.

Question 2a- *From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many women whose deaths were reported to your police force as sudden and unexplained had a police record of domestic abuse associated with:*

- *Their name*
- *And/or address*
- *And/or telephone number*
- *Current or former male partner*

48 recorded female unexplained death or suicide death had a previous DA safeguarding record between 01/01/2019 - 19/11/2024.

Question 2b- *of those deaths, how many were investigated as possible homicides?*

1 recorded unexplained death or suspicious death was subsequently recorded as homicide were a victim had a DA safeguarding record previously.

Question 2c- *of those which were investigated as possible homicides, how many arrests were made of the woman's current or former male partner?*

1 arrest

Question 2d- *of those partners or former partners who were arrested, how many were subsequently charged with her murder?*

0

Question 2e- *How many were charged with her manslaughter?*

0



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Question 2f- *How many were charged with a violent offence or coercive control in relation to that victim following her death?*

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Question 3a- *From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many police officers in your force have been arrested following an allegation of domestic violence?*

Between the dates requested 6 police officers have been arrested following allegations of Domestic Violence.

Question 3b- *How many were subsequently charged?*

One Police Officer has been charged following their arrest for Domestic Violence.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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