

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2023-24-023

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

Please provide the following information for your Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme for the 2022/2023 Financial Year

1. The Name/Title/Scope of the commissioned programme in your area
2. The total number of males who self-referred into the programme
3. The total number of self-referred males who were accepted onto the programme
4. The total number of self-referred males who have completed the programme
5. The total number of males referred by an agency (e.g., police, social service etc.) into the programme
6. The total number of referred males who were accepted on to the programme.
7. The total number of referred males who have completed the programme
8. The names of the organisations who have made a referral to the programme

Link to evaluation of programme efficacy:

9. Financial Contributors: (Inclusive of Statutory, Non-Statutory Organisations and individual voluntary donations)
10. Budget inclusive of Running Costs

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1. The name of the commissioned programme in this area is the Drive Programme. It works with high-risk, high harm perpetrators who have been assessed as posing a risk of serious harm or murder to people they are in intimate or family relationships with.
2. The answer to this question is zero. Perpetrators were referred via the (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process.
3. Not applicable – see answer to question 2.
4. Not applicable – see answer to question 2.

5. There have been 25 males referred to the programme.
6. There were 23 males accepted onto the programme
7. There were 17 males who have completed the programme.
8. In relation to the organisations who have made a referral to the programme, as cases are referred into the programme by the MARAC process, no single agency is responsible for the referral.

MARAC is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local police, health, child protection, housing practitioners, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs), probation and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors. After sharing all relevant information about a victim, the representatives discuss options for increasing the safety of the victim and turn these into a co-ordinated action plan. The primary focus of the MARAC is to safeguard the adult victim.

9. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is the financial contributor in the sum of £91,075. This is via a Home Office Grant (the DA Perpetrator Programme Fund)
10. See answer to question 9.