



31/07/2025

REF: RM/I-Case 1560132 FOI809

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – CON-FOI809

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on 23rd July 2025.

Your request:

Can you tell me how many specialist OLDER PEOPLES Domestic Violence Advisor (OP IDVAs) roles are funded or in existence in the Avon PCC area?

And ideally their contact details. Failing that, which local authority or other organisation they are attached to. We have one in B&NES but they are curious to reach out to colleagues.

The OPIDVA role is mentioned as a specialist role in the MoJ's May 2025 Statutory Guidance on IDVAs (<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6822fcddc66deec8488f7f90/idva-guidance.pdf>)

However, neither the MoJ nor the national DV commissioner knows the answer to how many/where they are.

Our response:

OPCC funded

- 1x older person IDVA – Bath & Northeast Somerset area. (Southside)

Local Authority funded (Provider Nextlink)

- 1x IDVA Older persons & Learning disability Specialism funded in South Glos
- 1x Older Persons Community Support Worker funded in Bristol
- North Somerset do not have an older person IDVA, however they have upskilled one of their IDVA's to have this specialism.
- Somerset - At the end of 2023/24 and into 2024/25, there was an Older Person IDVA post funded in Somerset – this was via the Standing Together's Crossing Pathways Project (Funding from central government). This was one off funding and has not been continued for 25/26.



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If you are unhappy about how your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision then you should write to:

The Chief Of Staff
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Valley Road
Portishead
Bristol
BS20 8JJ

Please note, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. The appeals document is attached for your reference.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioners Office