

05/09/2025

REF: RM/I-Case 1613796 FOI813

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – CON-FOI813

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on 7th August 2025.

Your request:

The request relates to the Police and Crime Commissioner's (or equivalent) duties to commission local services for victims, specifically for victim/survivors of sexual violence and abuse. We define sexual violence and abuse as any sexual activity that has happened without consent, and includes rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse (including child sexual exploitation), adult sexual exploitation, and sexual harassment.

Please provide the following information:

1. The amount of funding to be provided to organisations supporting sexual violence and abuse victim-survivors in your force area, for the 25/26 financial year. Please break this down by organisation funded, providing information about the nature of the funding arrangement, and the services to be provided by the organisation supporting victim-survivors of sexual violence and abuse, using the attached spreadsheet template (tab 1). If you lead a Violence Reduction Unit, please also include the funding awarded to organisations supporting sexual violence victim-survivors by the VRU.
2. The amount of funding to be provided to organisations supporting domestic abuse victim-survivors in your force area, for the 25/26 financial year. Please break this down by organisation funded, providing information about the nature of the funding arrangement, and the services to be provided by the organisation supporting victim-survivors of domestic abuse, using the attached spreadsheet template (tab 2). If you lead a Violence Reduction Unit, please also include the funding awarded to organisations supporting domestic abuse victim-survivors by the VRU.

Please note that I am requesting anonymised data only and not any information that could identify individual cases or persons involved. I look forward to your response within the statutory 20 working days. I understand that this request is especially complex or voluminous, and that an extension may be required. If this request is considered complex or involves a large volume of data, I am happy to receive the information in separate parts to facilitate the process. Should the request exceed the

appropriate limit under s12(1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, please identify which elements of this request can be fulfilled. If you require any clarification or further information in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our response:

Please find the attached spreadsheet containing the requested information.

Please note that the field requesting the total amount of funding allocated to support survivors of sexual violence in the 2025/26 financial year has not been completed. This is because the relevant financial information is publicly available on our website. We have therefore not duplicated it within this document and it can be found on our website [here](#).

Additionally, the data requested titled 'How many survivors do you expect to be supported with this funding per financial year?', has been removed.

This is because we do not hold accurate data on the expected number of victims supported. The recording of this data is not specified when grants are issued, and in many cases, we are unable to isolate support specifically for Domestic Abuse or Sexual Violence. Some organisations support a range of crime types, making it difficult to extract figures solely related to DA/SV. In other arrangements, we only receive data for the overall service, not just the element we fund. In short, while we could attempt to estimate the figures, doing so would require significant time and likely involve multiple conversations with providers and partners, and the result would still be speculative.

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/>.



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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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