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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 07 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 09/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1) *For each of the past five financial years, how many allegations of domestic abuse were made against officers and staff from your force?*

Please break the figures down by financial year as follows:

- a) 2016/17
- b) 2017/18
- c) 2018/19
- d) 2019/20
- e) 2020/21 (if data is incomplete for this year, please include data up to the most recent available point).

2) *For each of the past five financial years, how many of these allegations...*

- i) *Resulted in disciplinary action being taken against the accused officer or staff member*
- ii) *Resulted in the accused officer or staff member having a misconduct or gross misconduct hearing*
- iii) *Resulted in the accused officer or staff member being dismissed*
- iv) *Resulted in criminal action being taken against the accused officer or staff member*
- v) *Resulted in the accused officer or staff member being prosecuted*

Please break the figures down by financial year as follows:

- a) 2016/17
- b) 2017/18
- c) 2018/19
- d) 2019/20
- e) 2020/21 (if data is incomplete for this year, please include data up to the most recent available point).

The government's definition of domestic abuse is: "Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse:

- *psychological*
- *physical*

- sexual
- financial
- emotional

Controlling behaviour is: a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour is: an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.

This definition includes so called 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriage, and is clear that victims are not confined to one gender or ethnic group."

If it is not possible to answer Question 2 within the cost limit then please only answer Question 1.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

Question 1

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| a) | 2016/17 | 7 |
| b) | 2017/18 | 5 |
| c) | 2018/19 | 5 |
| d) | 2019/20 | 9 |
| e) | 2020/21 (if data is incomplete for this year, please include data up to the most recent available point). 13 | |

Question 2

In relation to question 2 only 1 officer has featured in any of the categories and featured in all. He was prosecuted, found guilty, faced disciplinary action for gross misconduct and was dismissed. This was an officer from the 2016/17 data. The court case was in 2018.

The details above were provided in Local and National media coverage. Please see the following link

https://www.google.com/search?q=special+constable+Paul+Rodgers&rlz=1C1GCEA_enGB912GB912&oq=special+constable+Paul+Rodgers&aqs=chrome..69i57.11978j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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