

19th June 2024

Ref: FOI753 CON-036334/BM

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI753

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 19th of May 2024.

Your request:

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 including programmes designed for male victims that accept/engage/support females
2. The total number of females who self-referred into the programme
3. The total number of self-referred females who were accepted onto the programme
4. The total number of self-referred females who have completed the programme
5. The total number of females referred by an agency (e.g., police, social service etc.) into the programme
6. The total number of referred females who were accepted on to the programme
7. The total number of referred females 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.

Our response:

The OPCC does not commission a specific female perpetrator programme. However, the office does commission 'Drive' which does work with Female perpetrators and was operating in South Gloucestershire only for the financial year 2022-2023.

In order to assist with your request, we have provided the information we do hold, however, should you require more detail the service provider Cranstoun might be able to assist you. Additionally Local Authorities also commission their own perpetrator programmes and can be contacted directly.

1. The Name/Title/Scope of the commissioned programme in your area including programmes designed for male victims that accept/engage/support females
The Drive Project works with those causing harm in their relationships to prevent abusive behaviour and protect victim-survivors. Service users have been assessed as posing a high-risk, high-harm level of domestic abuse to the people that they are in intimate or family relationships with. They also often have multiple needs and are resistant to change. The Drive Project has an intensive case management approach that challenges service users to change and works with partner agencies – like the police and social services – to disrupt abuse. The Drive Project works with both male and female perpetrators that meet their high-risk criteria.
2. The total number of females who self-referred into the programme
It is not possible to self-refer onto the Drive programme.
3. The total number of self-referred females who were accepted onto the programme
It is not possible to self-refer onto the Drive programme.
4. The total number of self-referred females who have completed the programme
It is not possible to self-refer onto the Drive programme.
5. The total number of females referred by an agency (e.g., police, social service etc.) into the programme
There are only 2 referral routes onto the Drive programme – via a MARAC meeting or direct from the Police. 3 females were referred into the programme, however, we do not hold the information pertaining to which referral route they were referred by. This information will be held by the service provider, Cranstoun.
6. The total number of referred females who were accepted on to the programme
3 for 2022/23 financial year.
7. The total number of referred females who have completed the programme
This information will be held by the service provider, Cranstoun.
8. The names of the organisations who have made a referral to the programme
Cases are all accepted via the local MARAC meeting or direct from the Police.
9. The financial contributors of the Drive Service for 22/23 FY are:
 - South Gloucestershire Council (28%)
 - Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner (32%)
 - SafeLives (40%)
10. Budget inclusive of Running Costs.
Total cost of the Drive programme for 22/23 was £309,900.30

If you have any queries about this letter then please contact me, quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

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