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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI313482203

Thank you for your request for information relating to Domestic violence incidents.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

- 1. The total monthly number of domestic violence incidents since 1st January 2018 up to and including the end of February 2021.**
- 2. The annual number of domestic violence incidents where the alleged victim was a woman for:**
 - a. 2019**
 - b. 2020**

For Questions 1 to 2b, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information is held by West Midlands Police. To assist your further, requests for information can be made to West Midlands Police using the following contact details:

Email: foi@west-midlands.police.uk

Freedom of Information Unit
PO Box 52, Lloyd House
Colmore Circus Queensway
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3. The annual number of domestic violence incidents where the alleged victim was a child (those under the age of 18) for:

- a. 2019**
- b. 2020**

For Questions 3a and 3b, we hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The data that we hold is not differentiated by gender or age. To answer your request, we estimate that every child protection referral citing domestic abuse referral would need to be manually reviewed by an officer, which would take longer than the 18-hour limit under the FOIA. To demonstrate this point, the information for 2019 alone is estimated to take approximately 32 hours to complete based on checking 488 referrals.

This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

4. The annual number of child protection referrals for domestic abuse incidents for:

- a. 2019:** 488 Domestic Violence referrals for 2019.
- b. 2020:** 625 Domestic Violence referrals for 2020.

4. The highest number of repeat allegations of perpetrating domestic violence made against a single individual since April 1st 2020 to date?

Please refer to the response provided for Question 1.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully