

FOI REF:	16338
RESPONSE SENT:	27/11/2025

Request

Dear Winchester City Council,

The domestic homicide review (DHR) process is set out in Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, amended by the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, so that a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is notified when a death has, or appears to have, resulted from domestic abuse as defined by the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. Accordingly, this process is to be renamed as domestic abuse related death reviews (DARDR).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request anonymous information about notifications of deaths for consideration as a DHR/DARDR. The team/officer responsible for community safety will most likely hold this data.

I am requesting data in two parts:

- First, an aggregate information request – we are seeking aggregated data on the number of domestic abuse-related death notifications that the CSP received between January 2017 and December 2024 (inclusive) related to cases that the CSP was responsible for.
- Second, an anonymised case level data request – we are seeking data about each notification referred to in the aggregate information request. I.e., for each notification received, an individual case level data record should be provided. The data provided should be based only on the information available at the time (e.g., notification/referral, scoping activities).

If you are unable to provide this data - for example, because DHR/DARDR commissioning is shared on a regional basis - please can you identify the appropriate regional body to whom a request could be directed.

APPENDIX

PART 1: AGGREGATE INFORMATION REQUEST

GUIDANCE ON COMPLETING THE AGGREGATE INFORMATION REQUEST

When responding to questions, please base your response on:

- The procedures you had in place with reference to the 2016 Home Office Multi-Agency Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews.

- The decision-making process leading to the decision to commission/not commission a DHR/DARDR between January 2017 and December 2024.
 - N.B.: In Wales, since October 2024, notifications should be made via the Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) process. If you are providing data on behalf of a Welsh CSP or partnership body, please only report on notifications received between January 2017 and September 2024 inclusive.
- The information that you had based on the original notification and any scoping activity that was undertaken to make a commissioning decision.
 - NB.: Please do not refer to information obtained after a commissioning decision was made (i.e. from any DHR/DARDR that may have been subsequently conducted).
- Where appropriate, additional guidance is provided on the template.

AGGREGATE INFORMATION REQUEST:

1. Name of responding CSP(s):
2. Local authority area(s) covered:
3. How many domestic abuse-related death notifications did the CSP area(s) receive between January 2017 and December 2024 related to cases the CSP was responsible for?

By 'responsible for', we mean that the final decision was made by the CSP. Do not include cases here where the CSP was not the lead. (E.g., if a DHR was jointly commissioned with another CSP, or if a DHR was jointly commissioned with another statutory review, only answer if you were the CSP responsible for contracting the Chair).

Please provide your answer with reference to the year period the notification was received.

- 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017:
- 1st January 2018 – 31st December 2018:
- 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019: = 1, Case 1
- 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2020:
- 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021:
- 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022: = 1, Case 2
- 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023:
- 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024: = 1, Case 3

Total:

4) As of 31st December 2024, what was the process for the CSP to make decisions about whether to commission a DHR/DARDR following a domestic abuse-related death notification? If you consult stakeholders, please include details in your response:

a. We follow national statutory guidance i.e. review the request, check against the guidance criteria and undertake scoping with relevant agencies. A review of the scoping outcomes is undertaken either as a full

partnership meeting or in liaison with the police serious case reviewer. Based on the outcome of the scoping, a decision is sent to the Home Office on behalf of the CSP chair.

- 5) If the decision-making process has changed over time in your local authority area, what has changed and why?
 - a. No change, we adhere to the guidance as outlined above.

PART 2: ANONYMISED CASE LEVEL DATA REQUEST

GUIDANCE ON COMPLETING THE ANONYMISED CASE LEVEL DATA REQUEST

When completing the anonymised case level data, for each of the notifications that you referred to in the aggregate information request, please complete an anonymised case level data request to individually record ALL notifications made to the CSP.

When completing the return:

- Please respond in relation to the primary victim and the primary perpetrator (i.e. if there are additional victim(s) or perpetrator(s), you do not need to provide case data for them).
- Where appropriate, additional guidance is provided on the template.
- Please fill in ALL fields (i.e. don't leave any of the fields blank). If you cannot answer any given question (i.e. you do not have the data, please write in 'unknown' or state 'not applicable' for 9a and 9b).
- Please do not refer to any personal identifying information or data.

ANONYMISED CASE LEVEL DATA REQUEST

1. What was the notification source?:

Case 1 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary

Case 2 – As above

Case 3 – As above

2a. What was the case type? (i.e. homicide, suicide, unexpected death (e.g. fall from a height), or other (e.g. neglect)?:

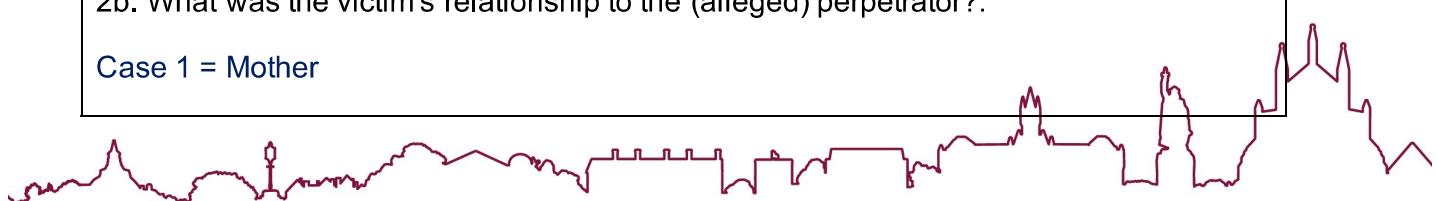
Case 1 = Homicide

Case 2 = Unexplained death (initial referral Homicide)

Case 3 = Homicide

2b. What was the victim's relationship to the (alleged) perpetrator?:

Case 1 = Mother



Case 2 = Mother

Case 3 = Grandmother in-law

3a. Victim characteristics

Case 1:

- Age = 50
- Country of Birth: UK
- Disability: Unknown
- Ethnicity: White
- Gender Identity: Female
- Immigration Status: British
- Parent/carer to a child under 18: Yes
- Pregnant: No
- Religion: Unknown
- Sex: Female
- Sexual Orientation: Unknown

3b. (Alleged) perpetrator characteristics

- Age: 17
- Country of Birth: UK
- Disability: No
- Ethnicity: White
- Gender Identity: A Gender
- Immigration Status: British
- Parent/carer to a child under 18: No
- Pregnant: No
- Religion: Unknown
- Sex: Male
- Sexual Orientation: Unknown

Case 2:

- Age = 92
- Country of Birth: Unknown
- Disability: Unknown
- Ethnicity: Unknown
- Gender Identity: Female
- Immigration Status: Unknown
- Parent/carer to a child under 18: No
- Pregnant: No
- Religion: Unknown
- Sex: Female

- Sexual Orientation: Unknown

3b. (Alleged) perpetrator characteristics

- Age: 71
- Country of Birth: Unknown
- Disability: Unknown
- Ethnicity: Unknown
- Gender Identity: Male
- Immigration Status: Unknown
- Parent/carer to a child under 18: No
- Pregnant: No
- Religion: Unknown
- Sex: Male
- Sexual Orientation: Unknown

Case 3:

- Age = 78
- Country of Birth: UK
- Disability: Unknown
- Ethnicity: Unknown
- Gender Identity: Female
- Immigration Status: Unknown
- Parent/carer to a child under 18: No
- Pregnant: No
- Religion: Unknown
- Sex: Female
- Sexual Orientation: Unknown

3b. (Alleged) perpetrator characteristics

- Age: 37
- Country of Birth: Unknown
- Disability: Unknown
- Ethnicity: Unknown
- Gender Identity: Male
- Immigration Status: Unknown
- Parent/carer to a child under 18: Yes
- Pregnant: No
- Religion: Unknown
- Sex: Male
- Sexual Orientation: Unknown

4a. Were stakeholders outside of the responsible authorities in the CSP consulted in the decision-making process about whether to commission a review? For example, this



could include seeking advice from a specialist domestic abuse or led-by-and-for service. (Yes or No. If not known, please state 'unknown'):

Case 1 = Yes

Case 2 = No

Case 3 = No

4b. If yes, which services outside of the CSP were consulted? (Free text) (If not known, please state: 'unknown'):

Case 1 = Winchester Domestic Abuse Forum, STOP Domestic Abuse

Case 2 = N/A

Case 3 = N/A

5. What was the outcome of the notification? I.e. was a DHR/DARDR commissioned or not, some other alterative process undertaken such as a rapid learning review or multi-agency professional form and/or a statutory review commissioned like a review into the death or serious incident of children or adults, a mental health homicide or offensive weapons homicide review? (Free text) (If not known, please state: 'unknown'):

Case 1 = Yes

Case 2 = Yes (it commenced but closed after the alleged perpetrator was acquitted)

Case 3 = No

6. What was the rationale for this commissioning decision? Please describe any specific case circumstances that informed the decision, including case circumstances (e.g. specific vulnerabilities, honour-based violence, the relationship status between the subjects was unclear, a history of violence and abuse) or other considerations (e.g. the most appropriate type of statutory review, or where the victim's residence was not clear, etc). (Free text) (If not known, please state: 'unknown'):

Case 1 = It met the statutory duty

Case 2 = It met the statutory duty

Case 3 = It didn't meet the statutory duty

7. Was the Home Office notified of the commissioning decision? (Yes or No. If not known, please state 'unknown'):

Yes – in all 3 cases



8. Was the family notified of the commissioning decision? (Yes or No. If not known, please state 'unknown'):

Case 1 = Yes

Case 2 = No

Case 3 = No

9a. If a DHR/DARDR was not commissioned by the CSP, what was the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel's decision? (Free text. If not known, please state 'unknown'. If not applicable state 'not applicable'):

Case 1 = N/A

Case 2 = N/A

Case 3 = Still Outstanding

9b. If the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel asked for further information or a review of the decision, what was the final outcome? (i.e. did the CSP then commission a review or not?) If the reason for the decision is not available, please state: 'unknown'.

(Free text. If not known, please state 'unknown'. If not applicable state 'not applicable'):

Case 3 = awaiting decision

10. To your knowledge, in addition to the DHR/DARDR, were any other statutory reviews separately commissioned into this death? (In this question, by statutory reviews, we mean other multi-agency reviews like reviews into the death or serious incident of children or adults, mental health homicides, offensive weapons homicide reviews, etc.). (Free text) (If not known, please state: 'unknown'):

Case 1 = No

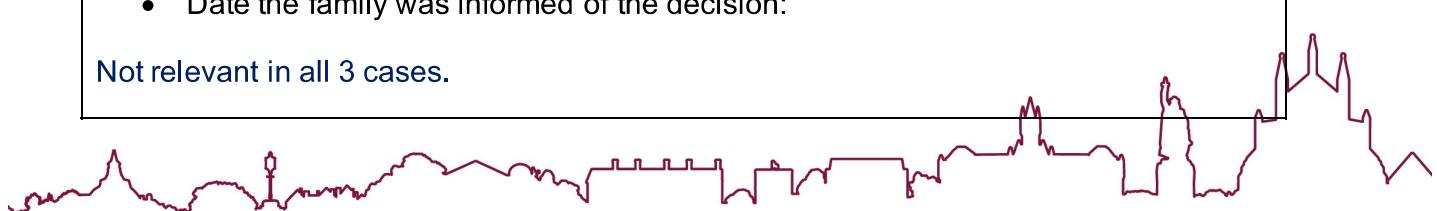
Case 2 = No

Case 3 = No

11. For this case, please gives the month and year for: (If the data is not available, please state: 'unknown') (use format MONTH/YEAR i.e. 01/2001)

- Date of the death:
- Date of the notification to the CSP:
- Date the decision to commission/not commission a review was taken:
- Date the family was informed of the decision:

Not relevant in all 3 cases.



Response

As above as outlined in each question.

