

**Please ask for :** Alethea Fuller  
**Telephone Number:** 0121 626 6060  
**Our Reference:** 2025-00889  
[wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk)



Date: 01/08/2025

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on 06 July 2025 in which you asked:

*'I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the enforcement of coercive and controlling behaviour legislation under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015, and subsequent updates under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.*

*Please provide the following data for each calendar year from 2019 to 2024 inclusive:*

- 1. The number of recorded offences of coercive and controlling behaviour where it was listed as the principal offence.*
- 2. The number of individuals charged with coercive and controlling behaviour.*
- 3. The number of cases that proceeded to prosecution.*
- 4. The number of resulting convictions where coercive control was the principal offence.*
- 5. The number of cases closed with "No Further Action" (NFA) and, if held, the number where victim withdrawal was cited as the reason.*
- 6. Has your force made use of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs) or MAPPA provisions in relation to coercive control cases? Please provide counts if available.*

*If any of the above data is not held or would require significant time to compile, please provide what is available within the statutory cost limit and specify which elements are not held.*

*This information will contribute to a comparative national review of coercive control enforcement and its effectiveness across police forces.'*

In response to your request, I can confirm that we do not hold all of the requested information. However, I can confirm that we do hold the below information:

The number of recorded offences for the controlling or coercive behaviour offence category:

Date Record Created (Year)	No. Records
2022	4,098
2023	3,879
2024	4,013

The number of outcomes, positive outcomes, and proportion of positive outcomes for the controlling or coercive behaviour offence category:

Date Cleared Up (Year)	No. of Outcomes	No. Positive Outcomes	Proportion of Positive Outcomes
2022	4,152	38	0.9%
2023	3,704	53	1.4%
2024	3,895	135	3.5%

The information that you requested may be held by West Midlands Police.

In order to be of some assistance, please see the following contact details should you wish to submit your request to West Midlands Police.

### **Freedom on Information Unit**

West Midlands Police  
PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House  
Colmore Circus Queensway  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ  
E-mail: [foi@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:foi@westmidlands.police.uk)

### **Freedom of Information Right of Appeal**

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Lloyd House  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060  
Email: [wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller  
Deputy Chief Executive